

# Tuberculosis

## The Great White Plague Keeps Coming Back

Demystifying Medicine

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# Case Scenario 1

35 year old homeless male presents with cough x2 months that has gradually gotten worse. Patient's cough is productive of yellow phlegm and has persisted despite OTC cough remedies. His phlegm has occasionally been blood-tinged recently. He also reports intermittent fevers and sweats and feeling poorly overall. He says this cold is worse than his usual colds and he hasn't been able to get over it. He has lost weight over the last few months but says this is due to not having consistent meals. He does not feel short of breath and is able to continue working during the day selling newspapers. He has otherwise been relatively healthy and does not take any regular medicines. He has smoked for 20 years but does not drink or do drugs. No one else around him at the shelter has been sick, that he knows of. He reports testing PPD+ last year but said the reaction was because he kept scratching at the site so declined further treatment.

# Case Scenario 1

## Physical exam:

- Thin AAM in no distress but with occasional cough
- Temp: 99.9°F; BP 140/72; HR 104; RR 20
- Physical exam is normal, including the lung exam.

He does not look acutely ill and chronic coughs are common, especially in smokers. What do you do next?

- A. This is probably a smoker's cough. Give him Robitussin and have him follow-up in 1-2 weeks for further evaluation if not better.
- B. This is more likely a viral or bacterial upper respiratory infection. Give him a Z-pack and have him follow-up in 1-2 weeks for further evaluation if not better.
- C. This is concerning for TB or other more serious diseases. Order a CXR now.

# Case Scenario 1



This CXR is very concerning for active TB. You send a sputum sample to the lab for AFB smear and culture. What do you do next?

- A. Since he is not acutely ill, start empiric TB therapy as an outpatient.
- B. Admit him to the hospital for evaluation and empiric TB therapy.

## Case Scenario 2

33 year old Asian female is a researcher who came to the US two years ago for a post-doctoral research program. Her mother was treated for TB when she was very young. The patient was also treated for TB about 10 years ago for about 9 months. She has been well since. Over the past few months, she developed a cough with bloody phlegm, low grade fevers, shortness of breath, and fatigue. She was initially admitted to an outside hospital, where she was diagnosed with TB and discharged on standard therapy with isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, and ethambutol. One month later, drug sensitivity testing results show resistance to isoniazid and rifampin, as well as the fluoroquinolones and aminoglycosides. What are your treatment options now?

# Overview

- Global and US TB epidemiology
- Latent TB
- Active TB and drug resistance
- Recent studies advancing our understanding of TB treatment
- New drugs and how to apply them
- Conclusions



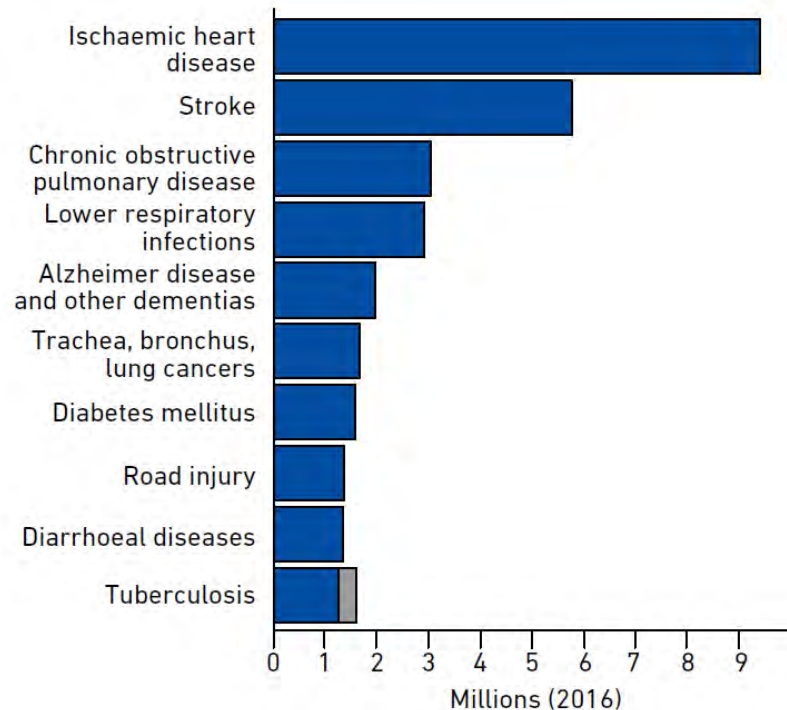
# Tuberculosis – Why should we care in 2019?

- 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death globally

**FIG. 3.11**

**Top causes of death worldwide in 2016.<sup>a,b</sup>**

Deaths from TB among HIV-positive people are shown in grey.

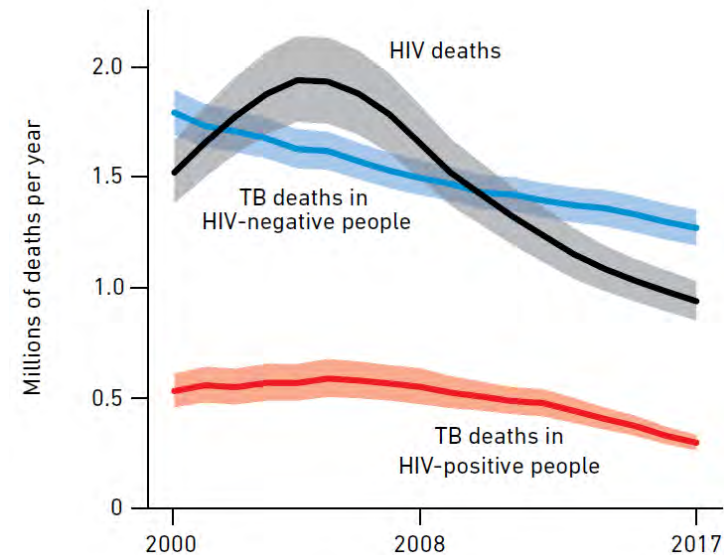


- Leading cause of death from a single infectious agent, surpassing HIV

**FIG. 3.13**

**Global trends in the estimated number of deaths caused by TB and HIV (in millions), 2000–2017.<sup>a,b</sup>**

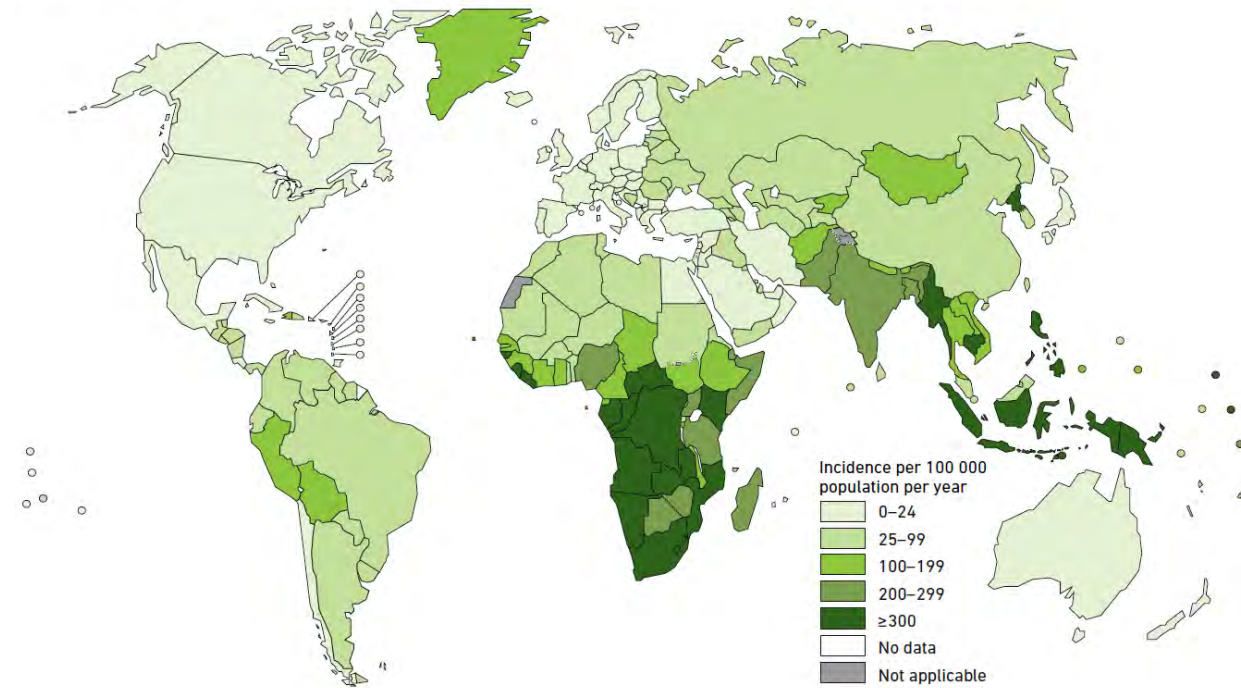
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# Global TB Incidence and Mortality Rates

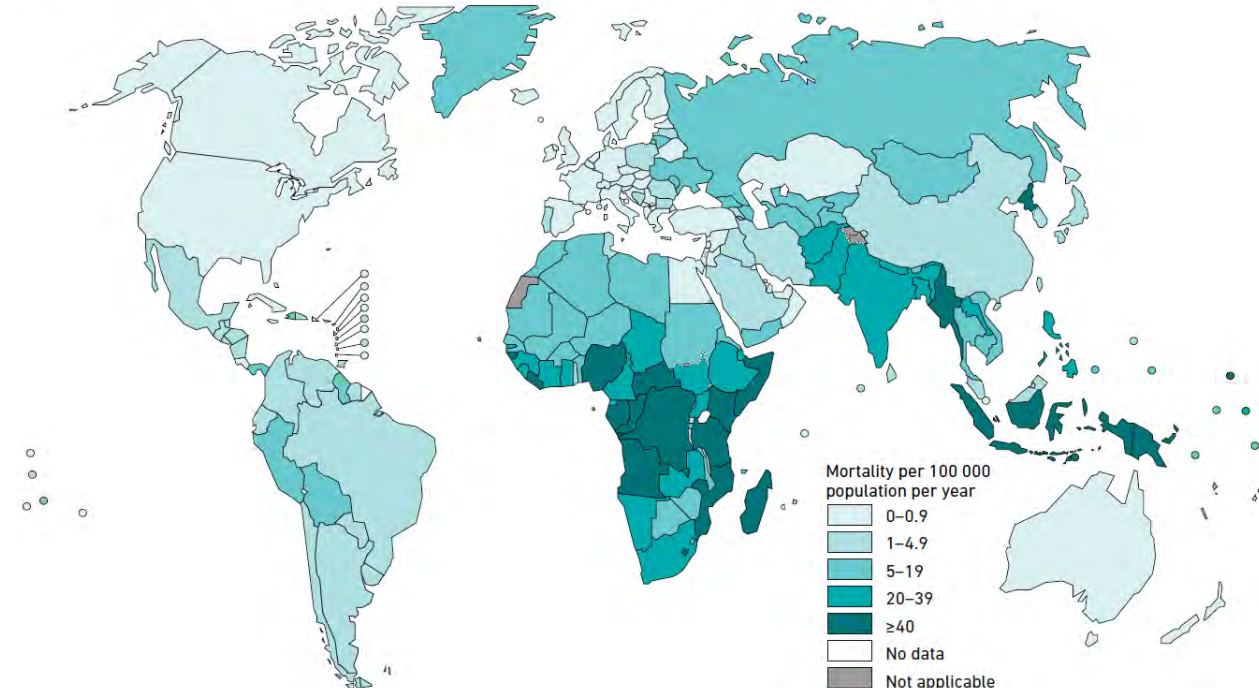
**FIG. 3.4**

Estimated TB incidence rates, 2017



**FIG. 3.14**

Estimated TB mortality rates excluding TB deaths among HIV-positive people, 2017

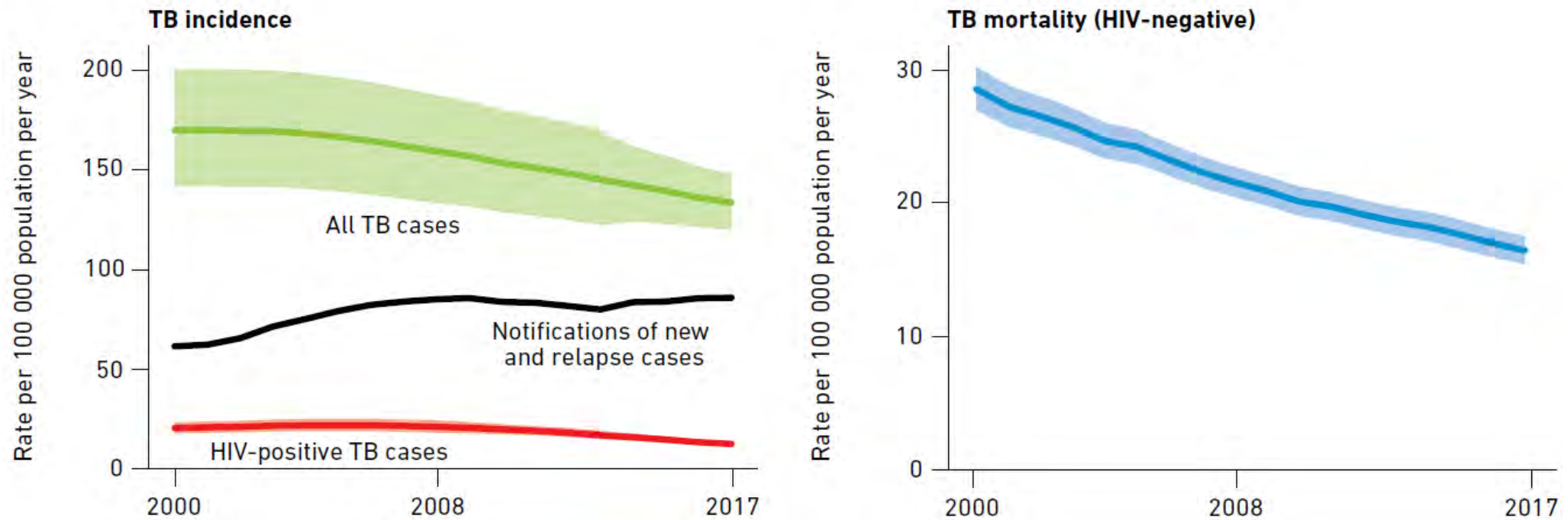




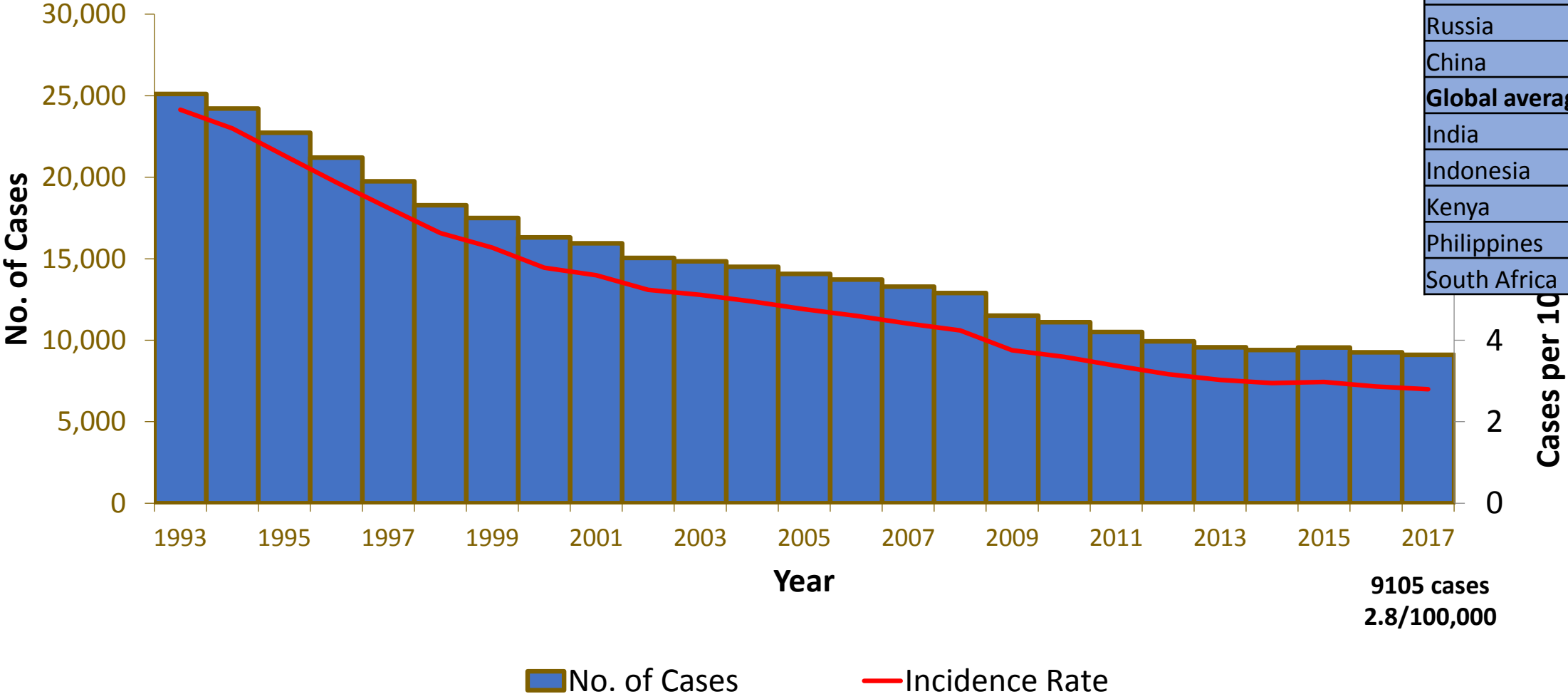
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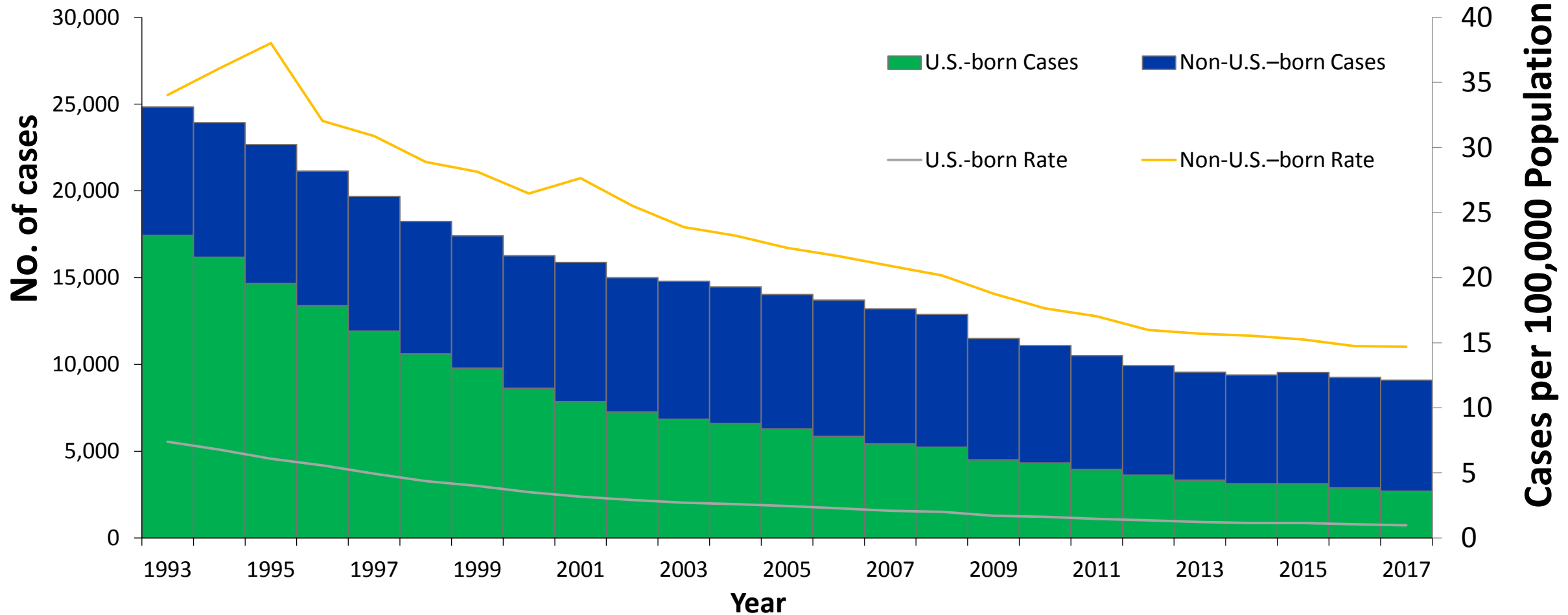


# Reported Tuberculosis (TB) Cases and Rate United States, 1993–2017



Country	2017 Incidence (/100,000)
Canada	5.5
UK	8.9
Mexico	22
Brazil	44
Russia	60
China	63
Global average	133
India	204
Indonesia	319
Kenya	319
Philippines	554
South Africa	567

# TB Cases and Rates Among U.S.-Born versus Non-U.S.-Born Persons, United States, 1993–2017



Active TB disease: 8 million  
new cases per year

**TB DISEASE**

**LATENT TB  
INFECTION**

- the "hidden epidemic"  
- 2 billion people infected



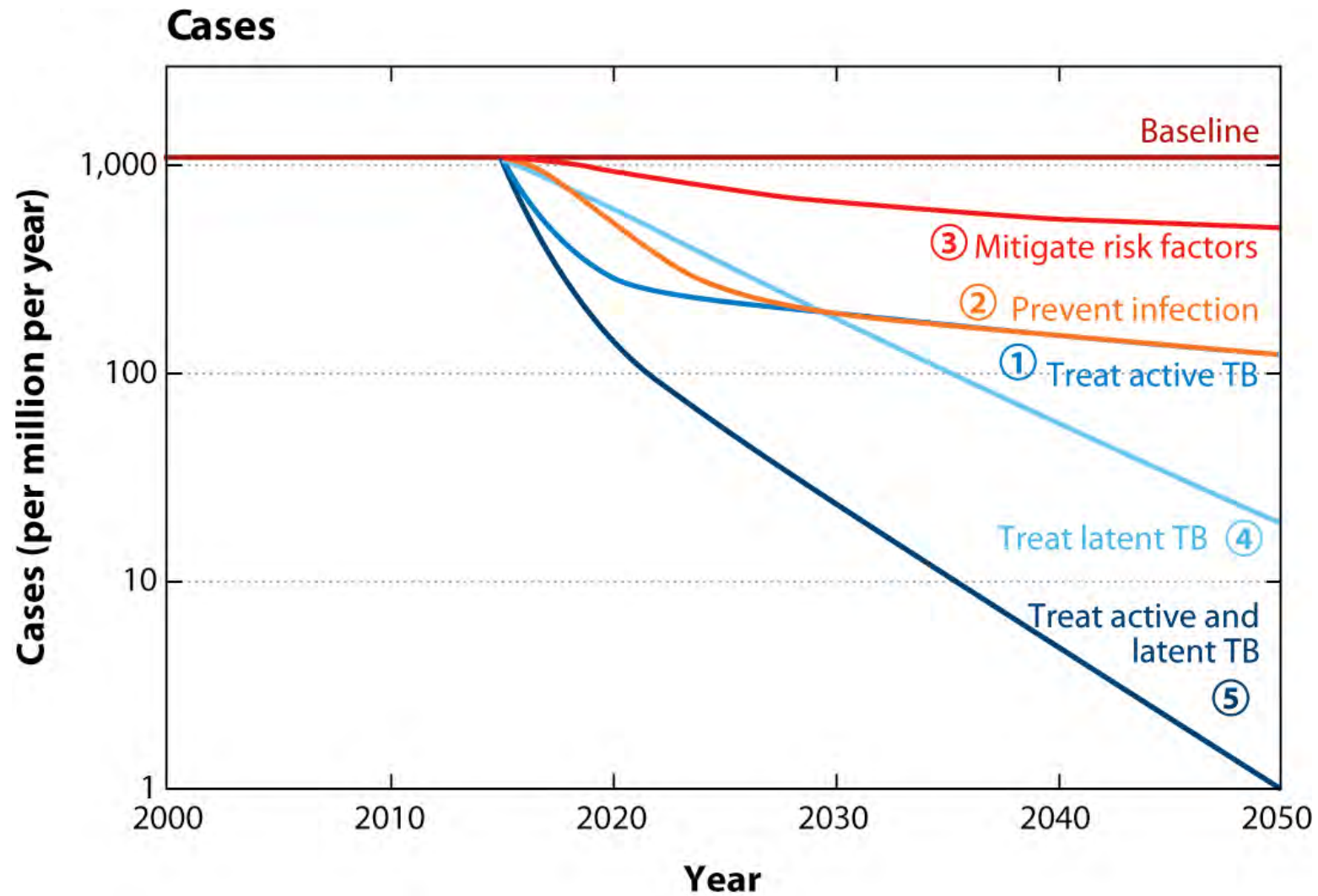
# Diagnosis: Purified Protein Derivative (PPD)

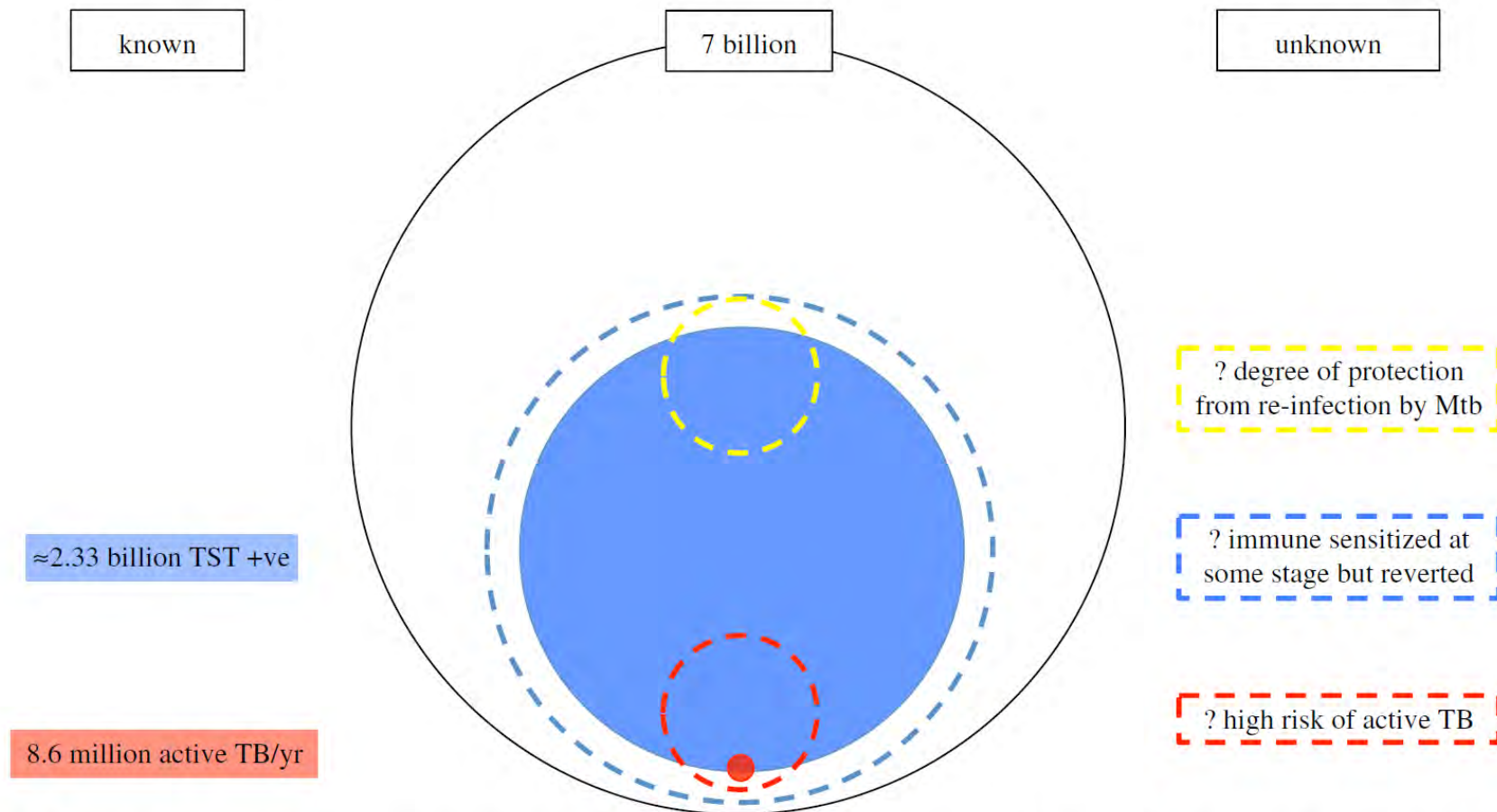
- Mantoux tuberculin skin test
  - 5 tuberculin units (0.1 ml) of PPD
  - Test is not specific for *M. tb*



	<b>≥ 5 mm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HIV positive</li><li>• Recent contact with an active TB patient</li><li>• Nodular or fibrotic changes on chest X-ray</li><li>• Organ transplant</li></ul>
	<b>≥ 10 mm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recent arrivals (&lt; 5 yrs) from high-prevalence countries</li><li>• IV drug users</li><li>• Resident/employee of high-risk congregate settings</li><li>• Mycobacteriology lab personnel</li><li>• Comorbid conditions</li><li>• Children &lt; 4 yrs old</li><li>• Infants, children, &amp; adolescents exposed to high risk categories</li></ul>
	<b>≥ 15 mm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Persons with no known risk factors for TB</li></ul>







**Figure 1.** Reservoir of TB—we currently have estimates for proportion of population that are immune sensitized (large circle) and number of cases of active TB annually (small filled circle). As TST and IGRA reversion can occur, total number of exposed persons may be greater than this (larger dashed circle), in addition TST and IGRA are only moderately sensitive for active TB. A much smaller pool of people may be at much higher risk of TB (bottom small dashed circle) and also a proportion of people may receive considerable protection against reinfection (top small dashed circle). Identifying these additional populations may be very valuable. (Online version in colour.)

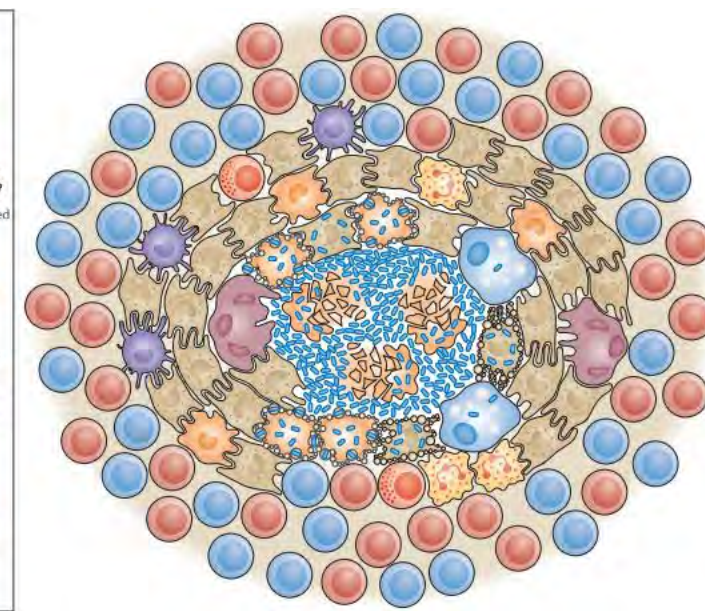
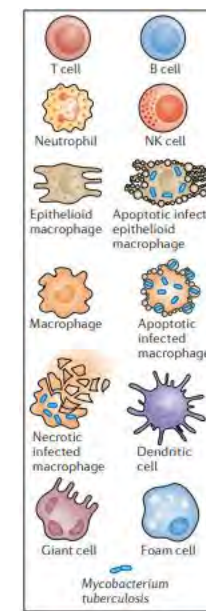
#### Review article: The ongoing challenge of latent tuberculosis

H. Esmail, C. E. Barry, D. B. Young, R. J. Wilkinson

Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B 2014 369 20130437; DOI: 10.1098/rstb.2013.0437. Published 12 May 2014

# Pathogenesis

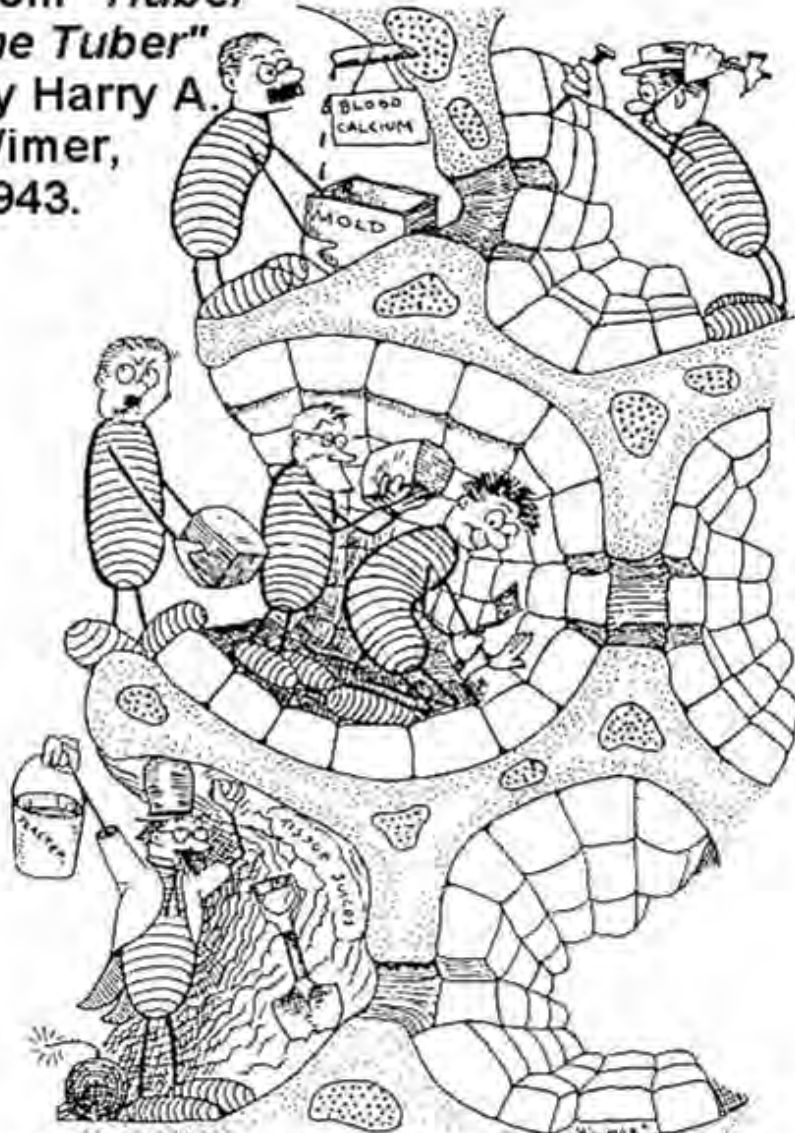
- Infection via droplet nuclei, causes granulomatous inflammatory process due to macrophages, lymphocytes, and fibroblasts recruited to site of infection
  - Bacteria in granuloma may become dormant (latent)
  - Granuloma may have caseous necrotic center
- If latently infected, about 10% lifetime risk of developing active TB
  - About 5% over initial 2 years post infection
  - About 5% over remaining lifetime
- If co-infected with untreated HIV, roughly 10% risk of TB activation/year
- Active infection may spread via bloodstream (miliary); more common in young children and immunocompromised



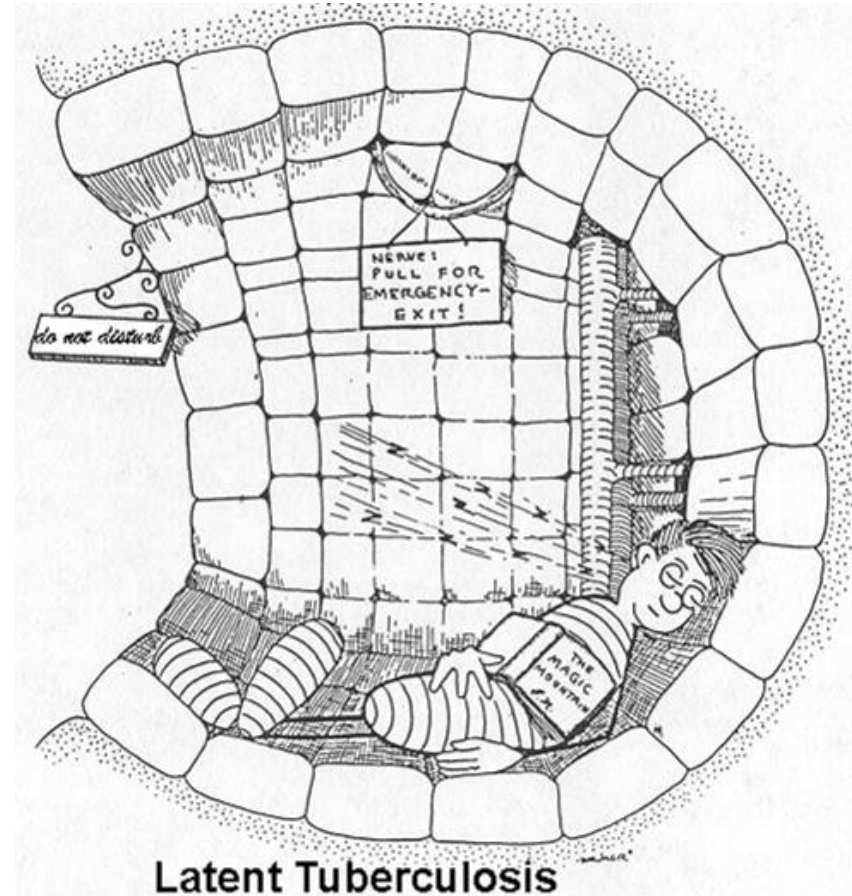


**“1/3 of the world’s population is infected with latent TB”**

from *"Huber  
the Tuber"*  
by Harry A.  
Wimer,  
1943.



**Granuloma formation, maintenance**



**Latent Tuberculosis**

# The “Lübeck Disaster”

The Lübeck disaster, 1930 "Between 10 December 1929 and 30 April 1930, 251 of 412 infants born in the old Hanseatic town of Lübeck received three doses of BCG vaccine by the mouth during the first ten days of life. Of these 251, 72 died of tuberculosis, most of them in two to five months and all but one before the end of the first year. In addition, 135 suffered from clinical tuberculosis but eventually recovered; and 44 became tuberculin-positive but remained well. "---Sir Graham Wilson (Hazards of Immunisation p66)

29% Death rate  
82% Disease rate  
100% Infection rate

*at a high enough dose disease outcomes are severe*





Over a year earlier, in May, 1965, aboard the U.S.S. *Richard E. Byrd*, a Navy ship with over 350 enlisted members and officers, a seaman had converted his five tuberculin unit (TU) tuberculin skin test from negative to positive. At that time, the seaman's chest roentgenogram was normal and his medical officer elected not to place him on isoniazid chemoprophylaxis.

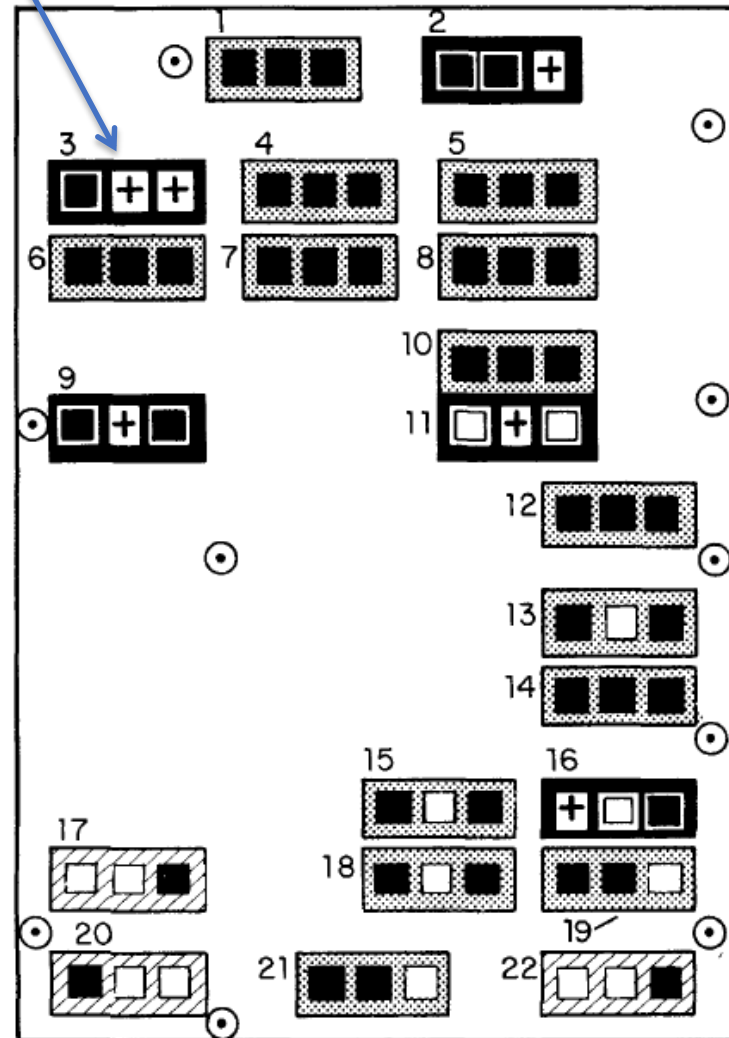
Ten months later, in March, 1966, the seaman began to exhibit significant symptoms. Though he attended sick call on three occasions, the illness was diagnosed as a virus infection. A chest roentgenogram was not done until late August, 1966, about six months after the appearance of the significant symptoms. At that point, a diagnosis of tuberculosis was made, and the seaman was transferred from the ship to the U.S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, New York.



Over that six month period of exposure...

- 140 (46%) converted from known negative to positive PPD
- 7 cases of active disease developed

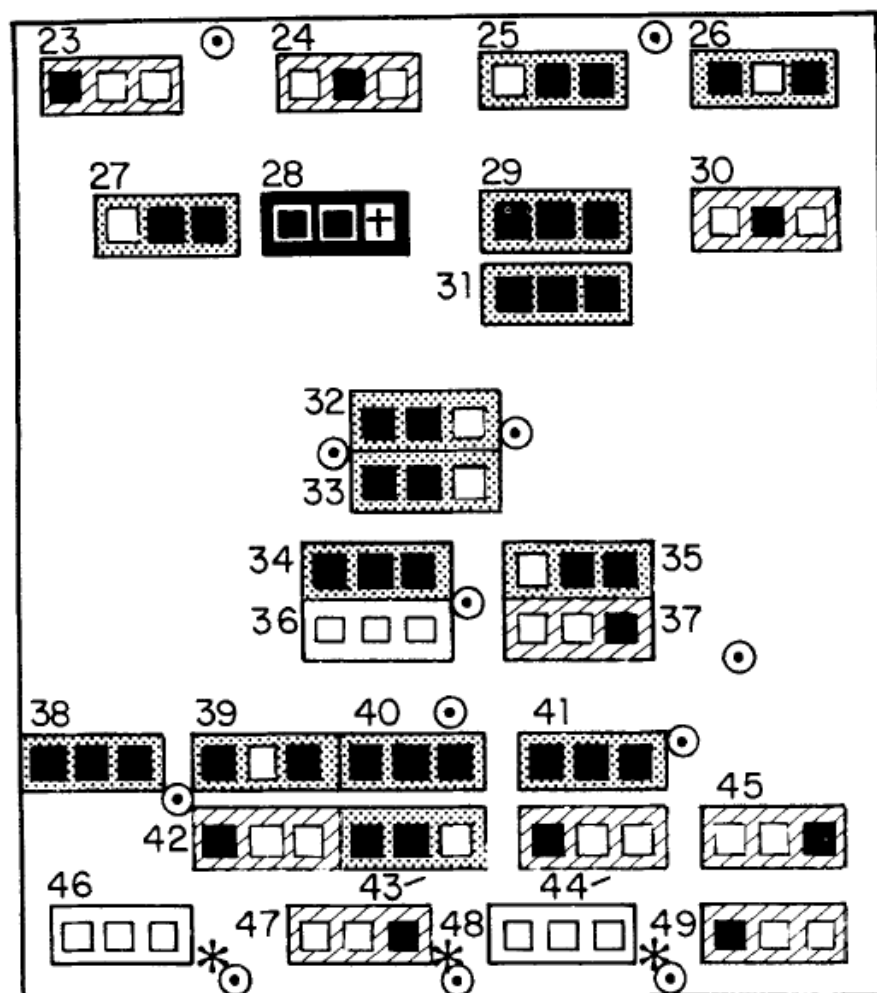
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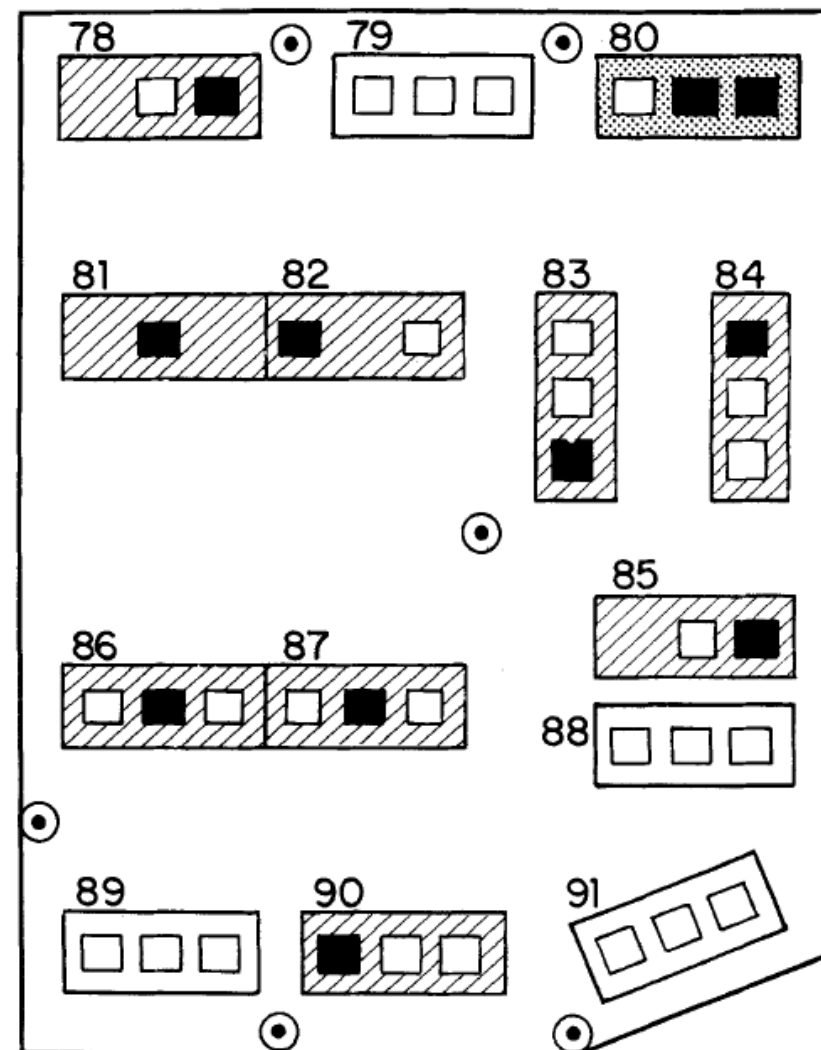
1. Compartment that berthed six of the seven individuals with active disease.

- Three-tiered berthing space in which at least one individual had clinically active pulmonary tuberculosis.
- Three-tiered berthing space in which two or all three individuals had converted their 5 TU PPD-S from negative to positive.
- Three-tiered berthing space in which one individual had converted his 5 TU PPD-S from negative to positive.
- Three-tiered berthing space in which all three individuals had negative (less than 5mm induration) 5 TU PPD-S tuberculin reaction.
- Individual with negative 5 TU PPD-S tuberculin reaction.
- Individual who had converted his 5 TU PPD-S tuberculin skin test.
- Individual who had clinically active pulmonary tuberculosis.
- The left symbol represents the bottom bunk; the middle, the middle bunk; and the right, the top bunk.
- The upper symbol represents the bottom bunk; the middle, the middle bunk; and the lower, the top bunk.
- Ventilation system inlets.
- Used to note ventilation system inlets to which special reference is made in the text.



COMPARTMENT DIAGRAM 2

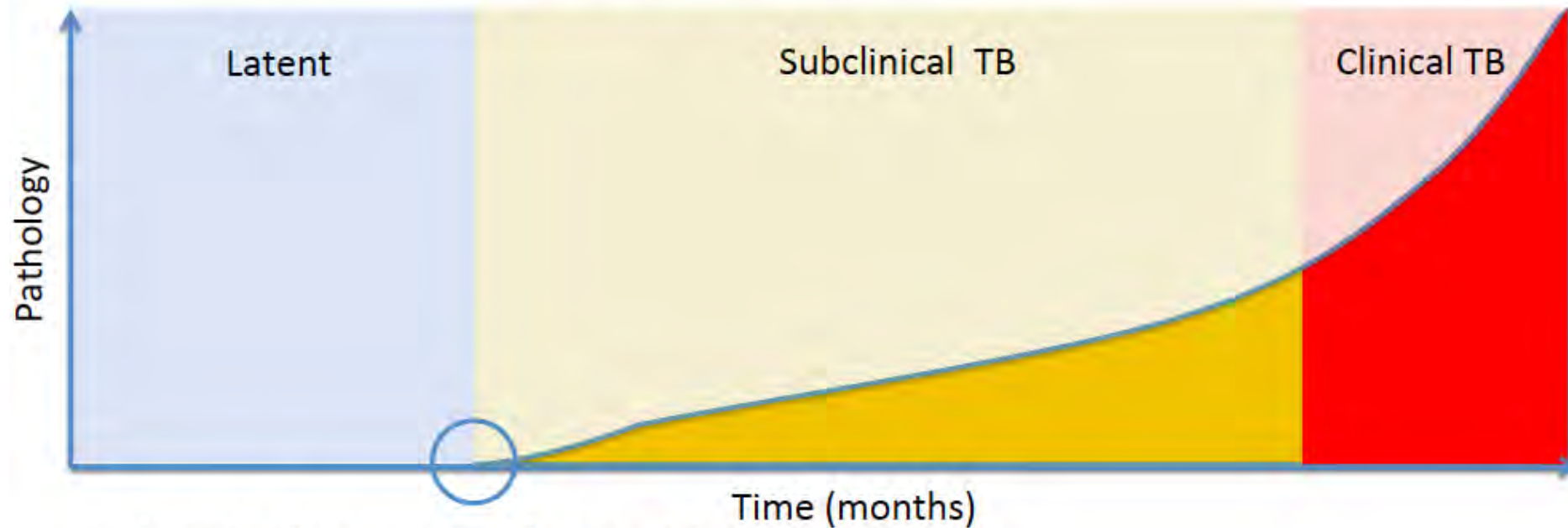
FIGURE 2. Another highly infected compartment. Ventilation comes from the same system as for Compartment One.



COMPARTMENT DIAGRAM 5

FIGURE 5. Crew's quarters for enlisted personnel in the supply division, including cooks.

# Subclinical TB



What is the point of transition?

- Animal studies suggest development of TB pneumonia when proliferation exceeds "carrying capacity" of granuloma<sup>1</sup>
- Histo-pathological studies support development of TB pneumonia as the earliest event in active pulmonary TB<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Lin et al, Nature Medicine 2014. <sup>2</sup>Hunter, Tuberculosis 2011

## PET/CT Study UCT

- Use FDG-PET/CT to identify pathology consistent with Subclinical disease in asymptomatic HIV infected persons (CD4>350, ART naïve) with evidence of Latent TB infection (QFN-GIT)
- Derive transcriptional signature and serum biomarkers for Subclinical TB disease



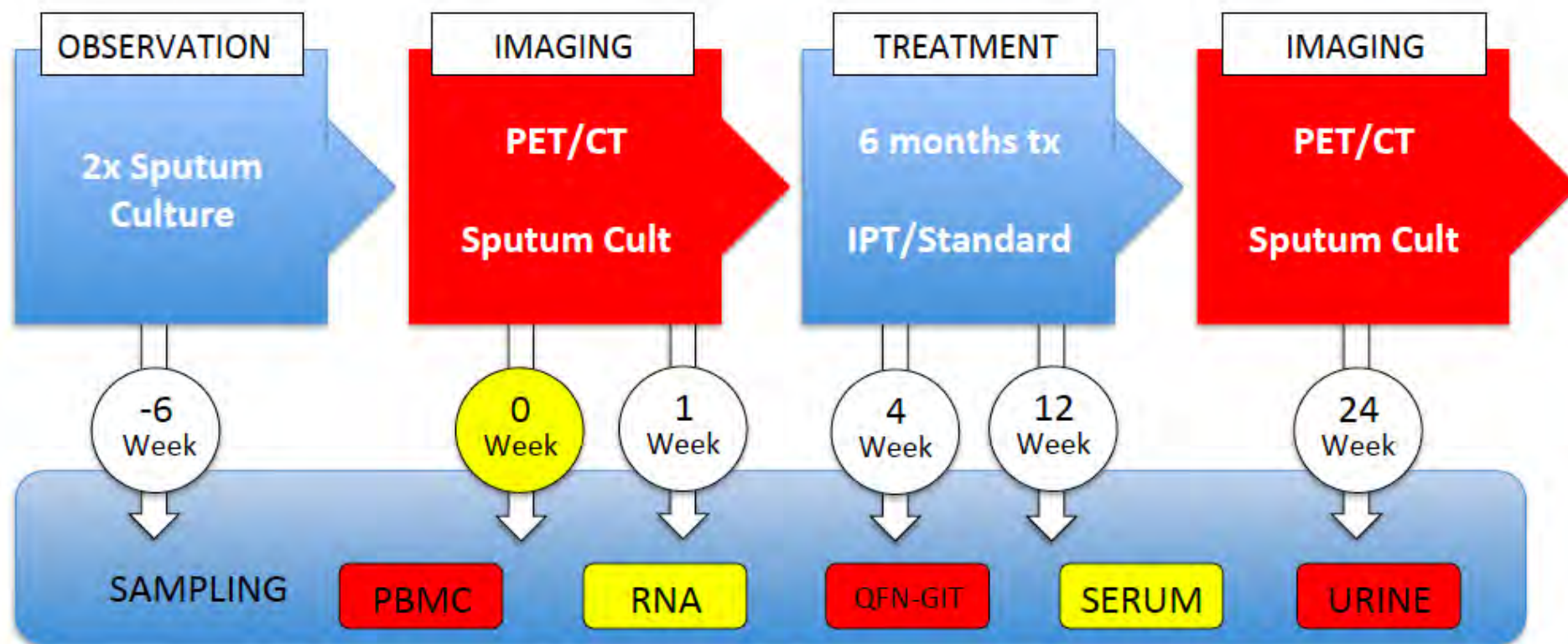
35 HIV+VE, ART naïve, CD4>350, No Previous TB  
Resident in Khayelitsha (ZA), Latent TB only

Asymptomatic

QFN-GIT– POS

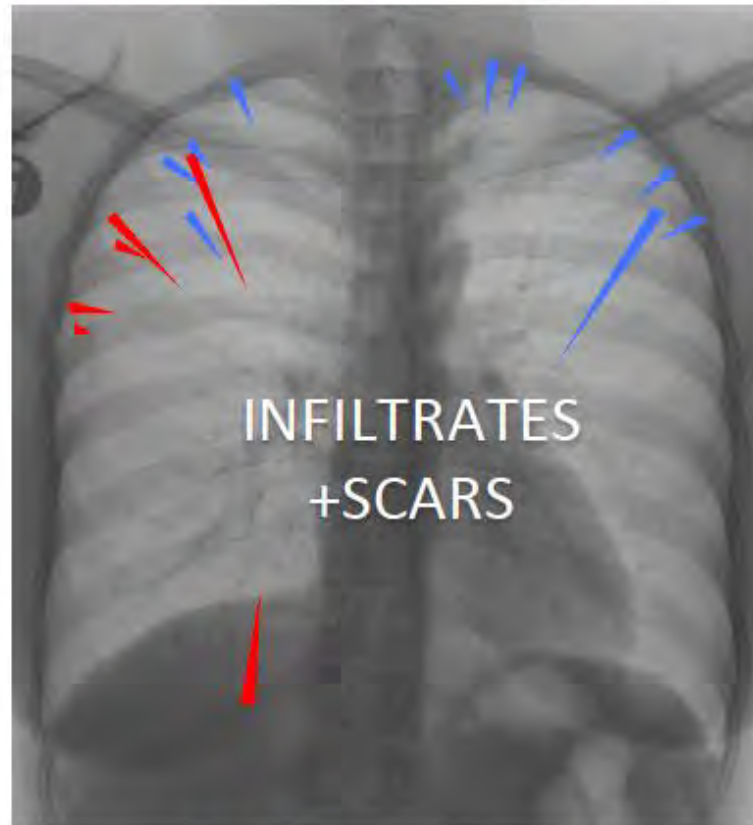
CXR – No active TB

Sputum Cult -ve

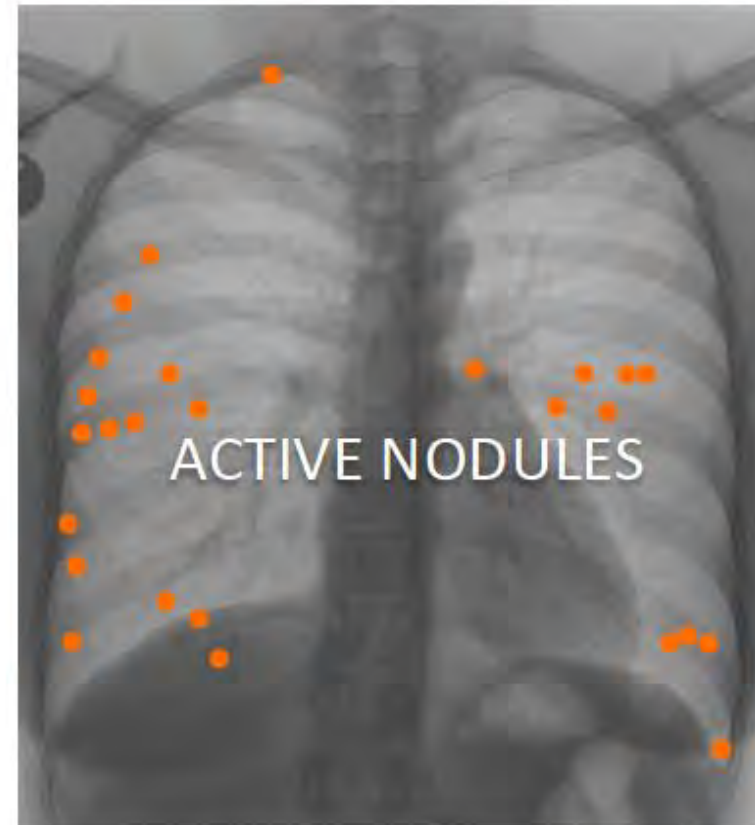


**CONTROLS** – Age/Sex/CD4 Matched ACTIVE TB + HIV negative

## 2 patterns of subclinical TB on PET/CT



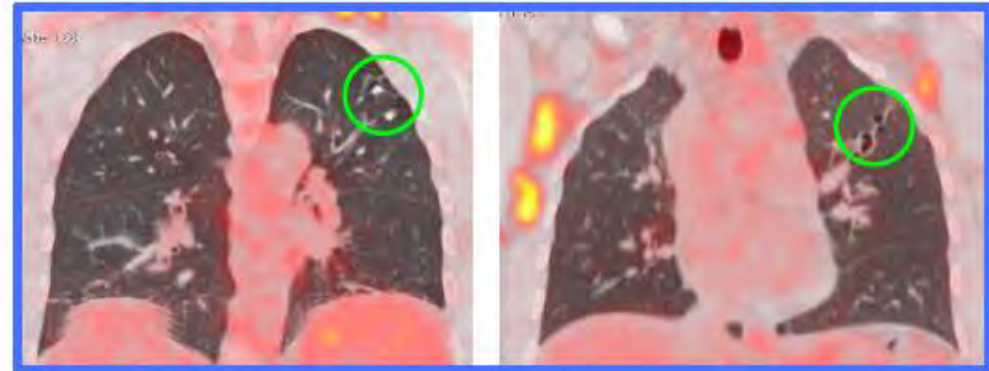
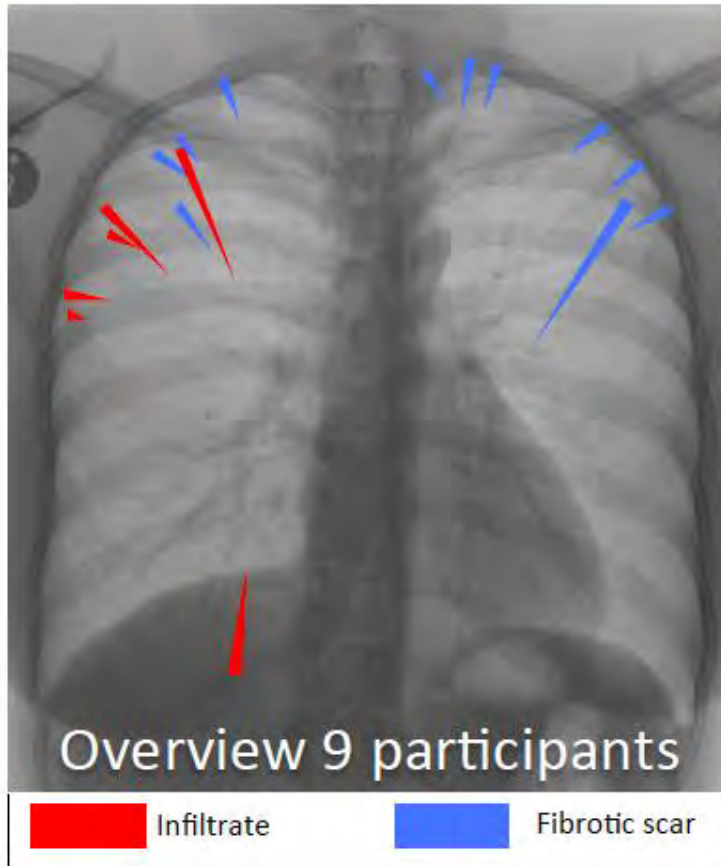
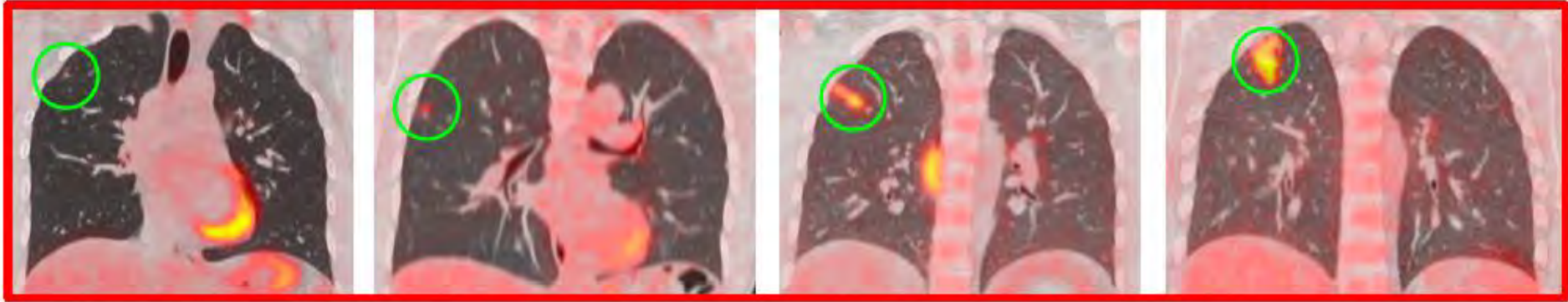
Consistent with  
bronchogenic spread



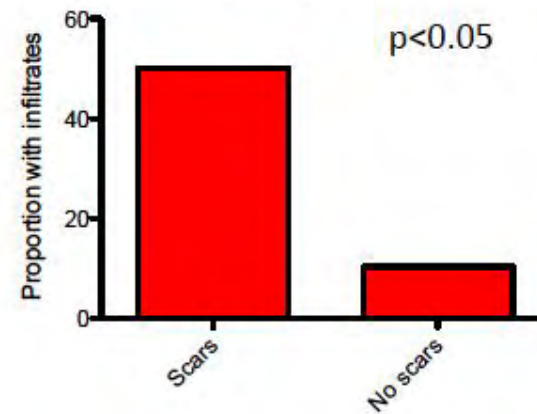
Consistent with  
haematogenous spread

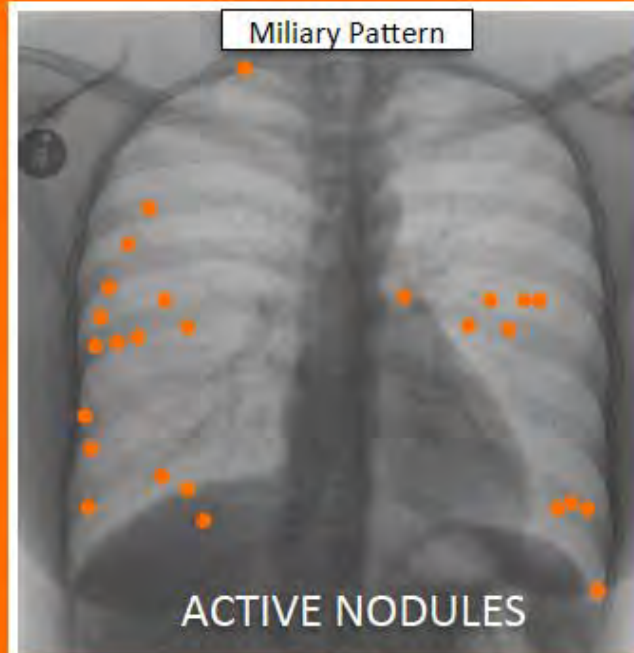
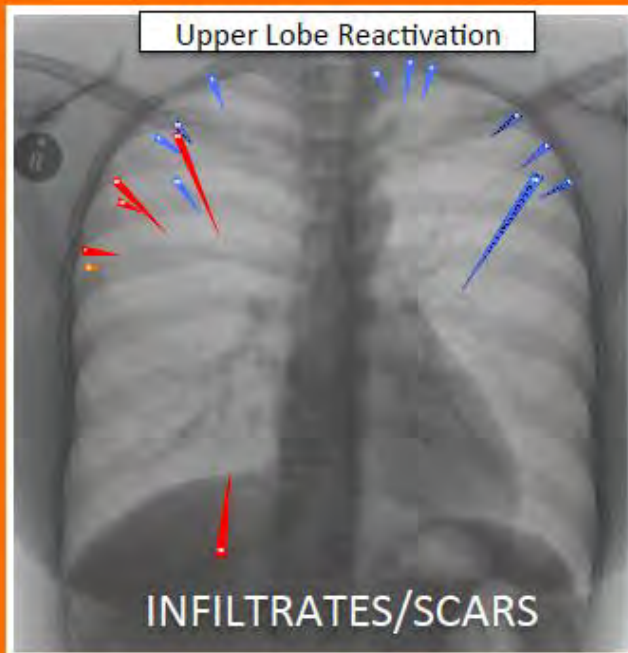


# Infiltrate and Fibrotic scars

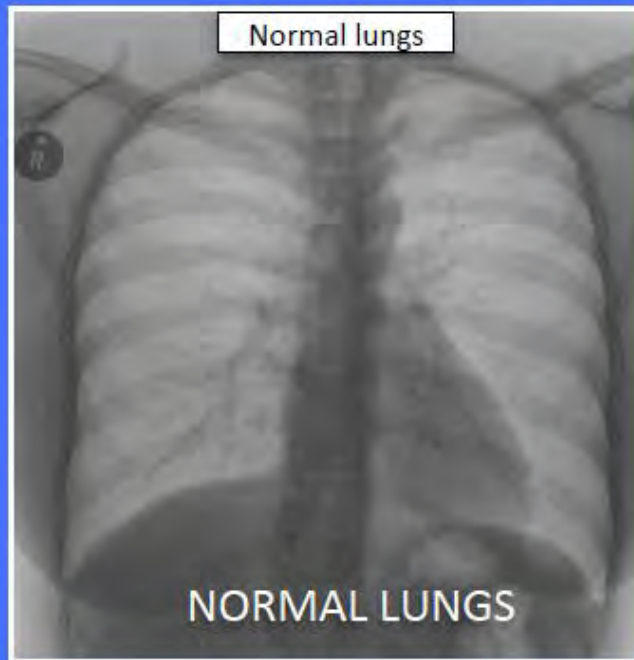
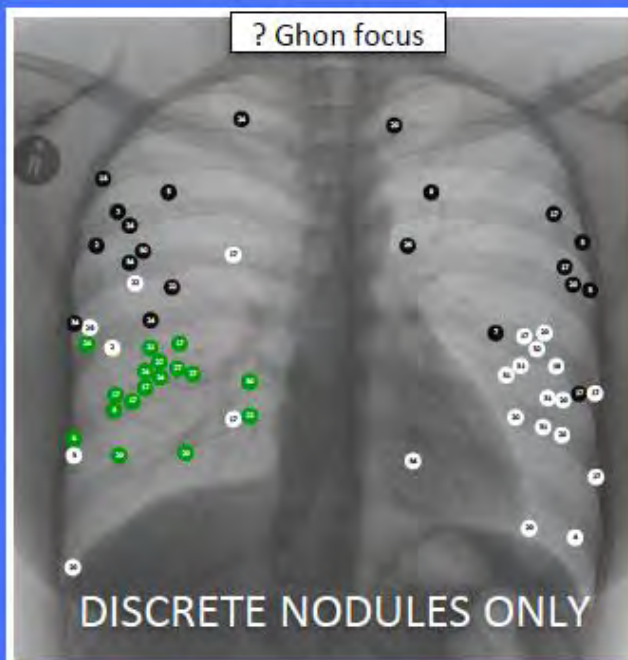


Proportion of participants with infiltrates





**10**  
**SUBCLINICAL**



**25**  
**LATENT**



# Response to treatment

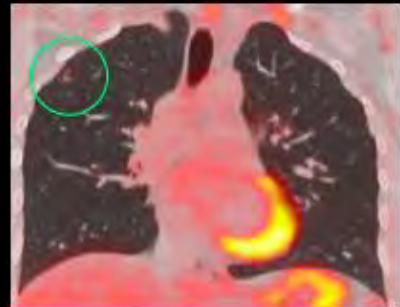
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6H



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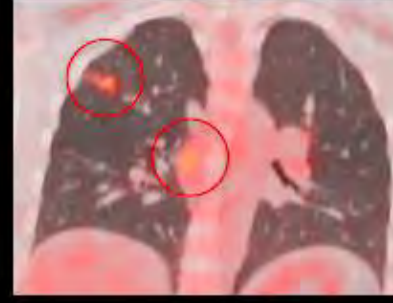
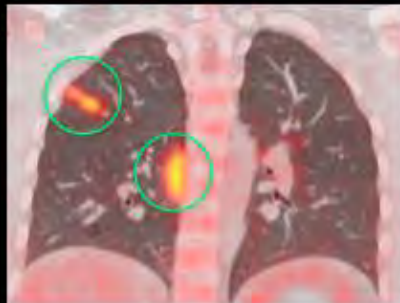
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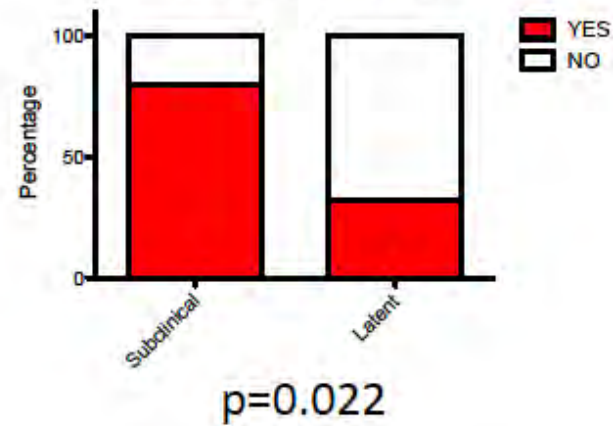
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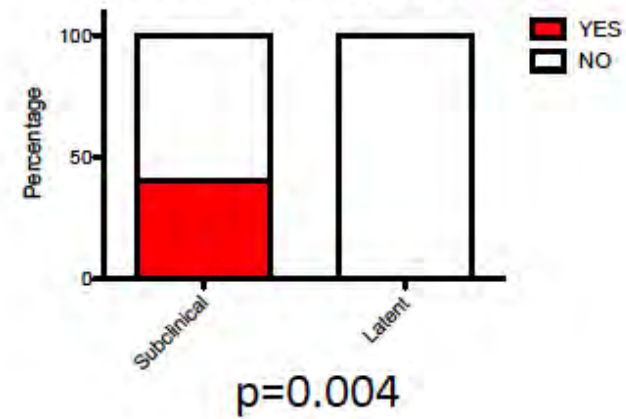


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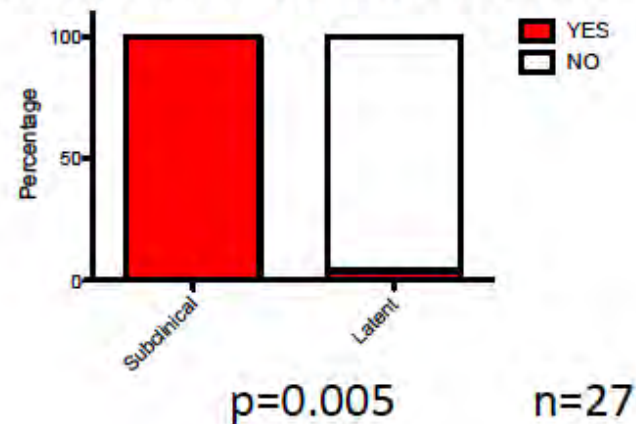
Increased FDG uptake in mediastinal LN

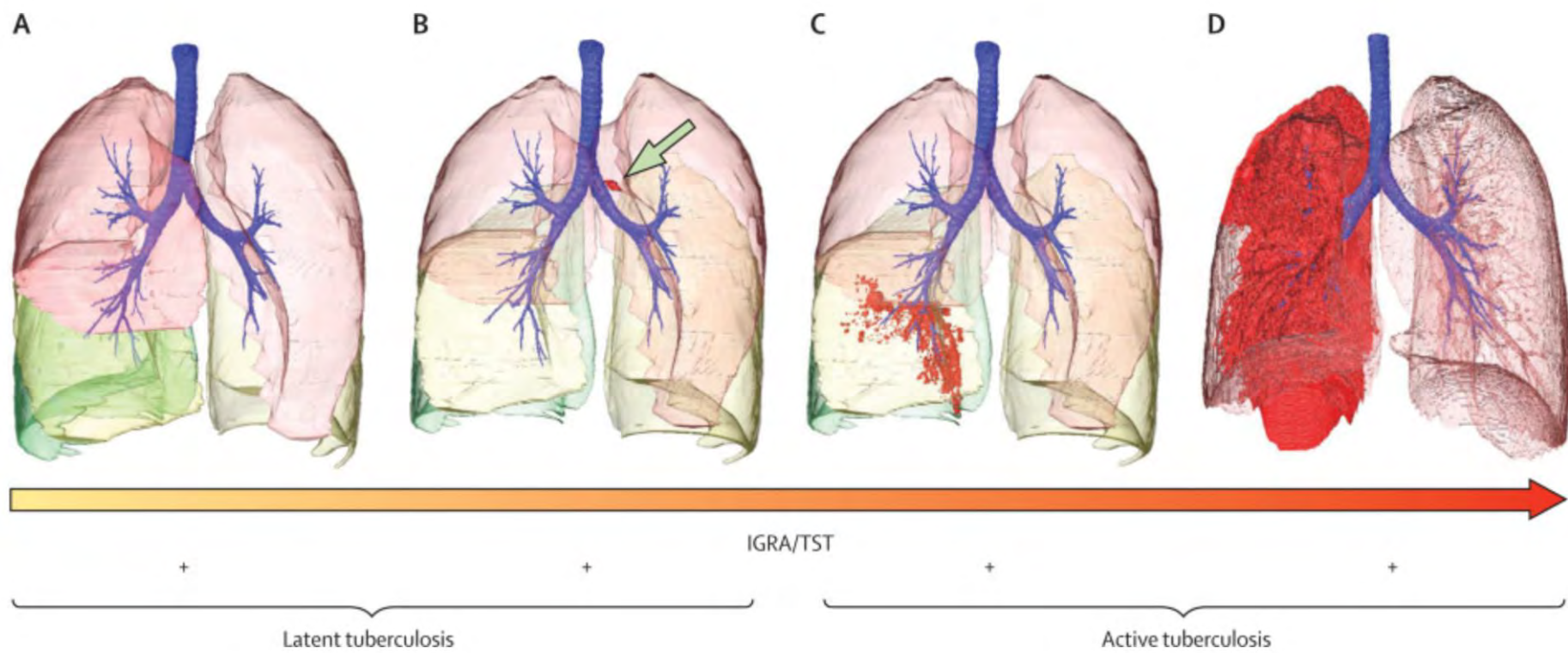


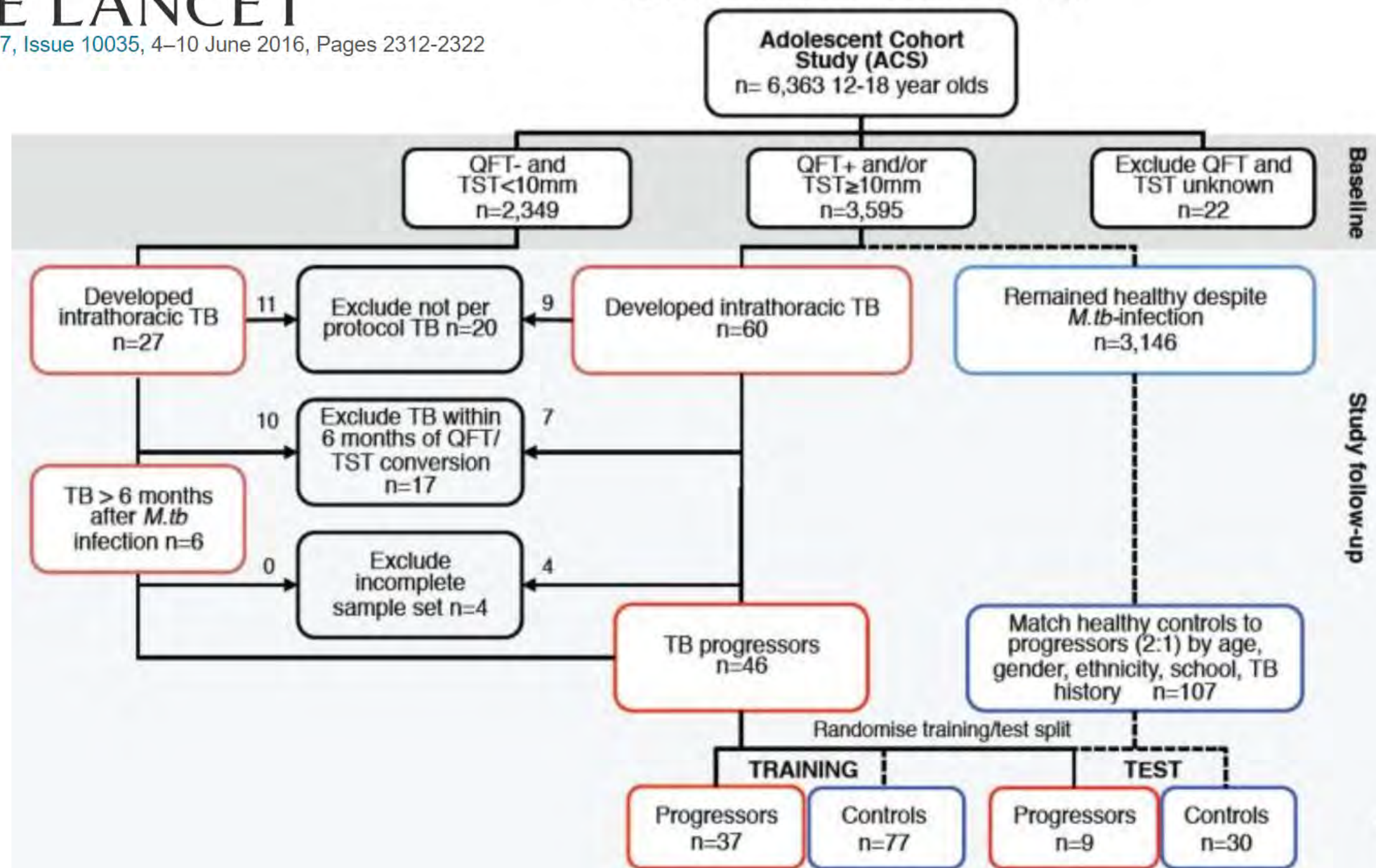
Microbiological/clinical evidence of active TB during follow-up



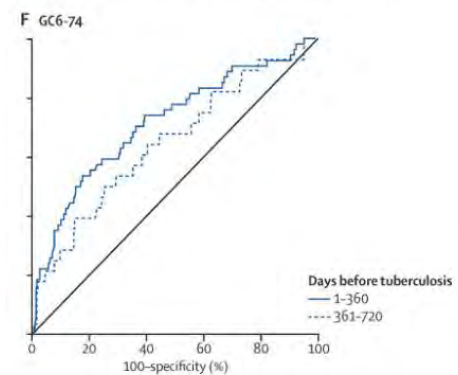
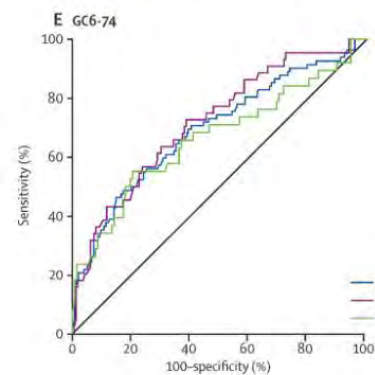
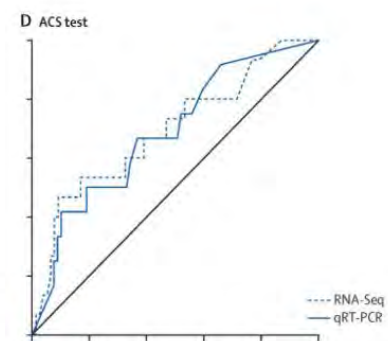
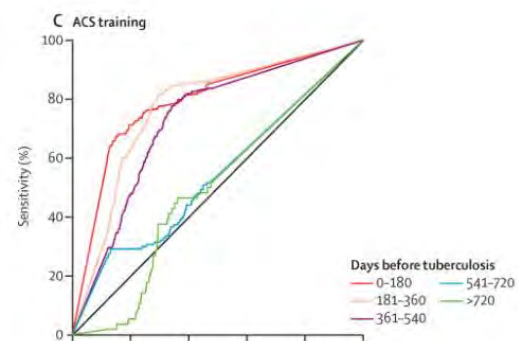
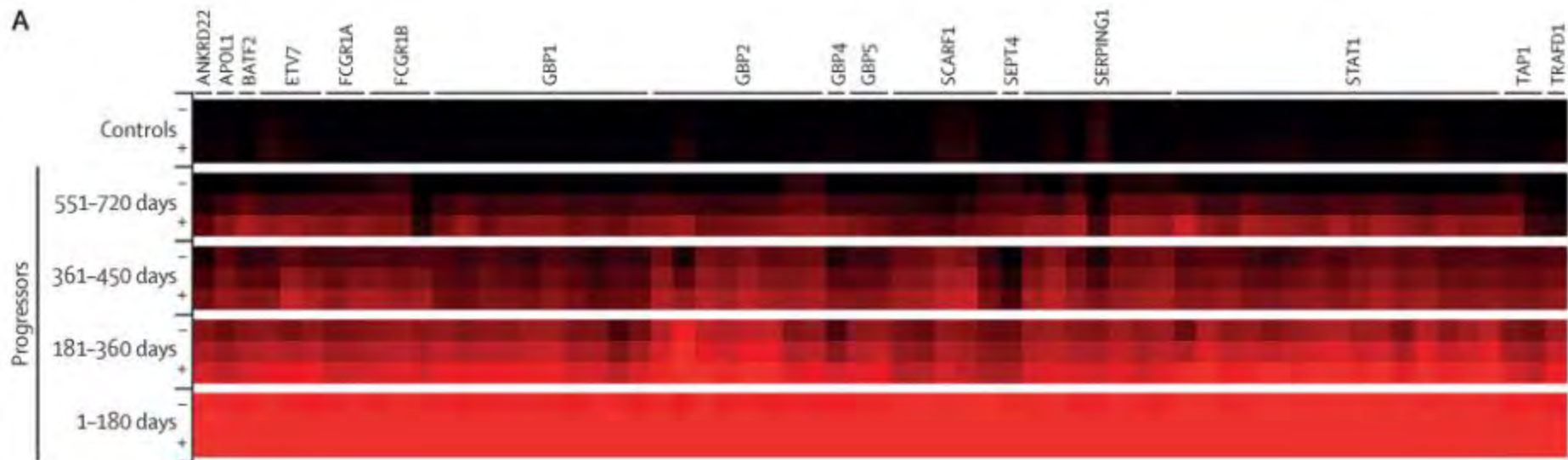
Improvement in baseline PET/CT abnormalities after 6/12 treatment











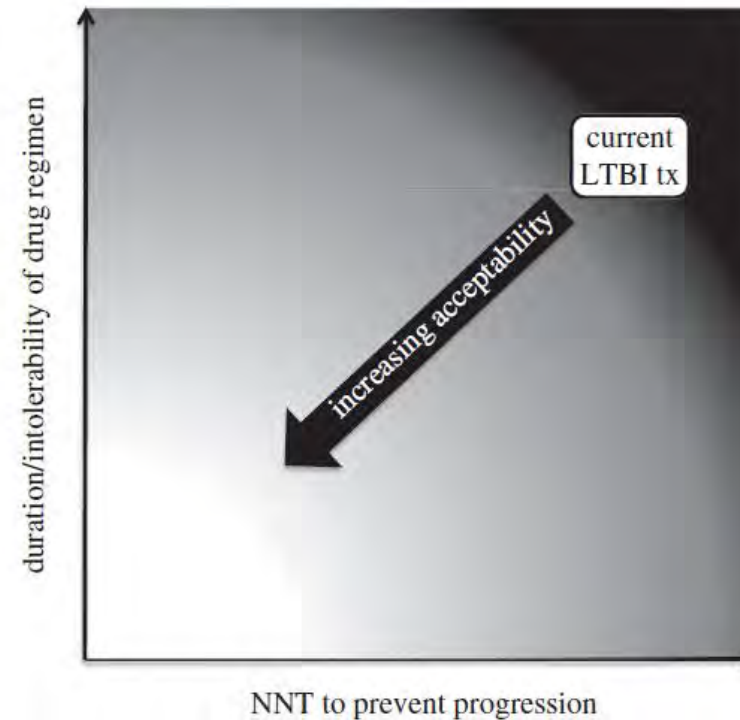
## The Correlate of Risk Targeted Intervention Study (CORTIS)

- Treatment Efficacy [ Time Frame: 15 months ]Treatment efficacy (TE) will be evaluated by comparing the incidence of endpoint-defined TB disease over 15 months in treated COR+ versus untreated COR+ participants.
- Performance of COR [ Time Frame: 15 months ]The performance of the COR will be evaluated by comparing the cumulative incidence of endpoint-defined TB disease over 15 months in untreated COR+ versus untreated COR- participants

Recruitment Information	
Recruitment Status <small>ICMJE</small>	Active, not recruiting
Actual Enrollment <small>ICMJE</small> (submitted: December 20, 2018)	2927
Original Estimated Enrollment <small>ICMJE</small> (submitted: April 6, 2016)	3200
Estimated Study Completion Date	December 31, 2019
Estimated Primary Completion Date	December 31, 2019 (Final data collection date for primary outcome measure)



- ◆ Treating LTBI currently is infeasible (need to treat >10 healthy people to prevent 1 cases)
- ◆ Diagnostics are within reach that will rapidly identify those at highest risk for disease development
- ◆ Even 2 months of treatment in otherwise healthy people is operationally difficult and unscalable
- ◆ “test and treat” would enable TB eradication strategies based on campaigns in hot-spots globally




**Figure 4.** Acceptability of treatment relates to the duration and tolerability of treatment and the likelihood of benefit (prevention of progression to active disease). Improvements in drug regimens and/or improvements in predictability of diagnostic tests should lead to improved acceptability of treating LTBI.

# CDC Latent TB Treatment Regimens

Drugs	Duration	Interval	Minimum-doses
Isoniazid	9 months	Daily	270
		Twice weekly*	76
Isoniazid	6 months	Daily	180
		Twice weekly*	52
Isoniazid and Rifapentine	3 months	Once weekly*	12
Rifampin	4 months	Daily	120

\*Use Directly Observed Therapy (DOT)

# CDC Active TB Treatment Regimens

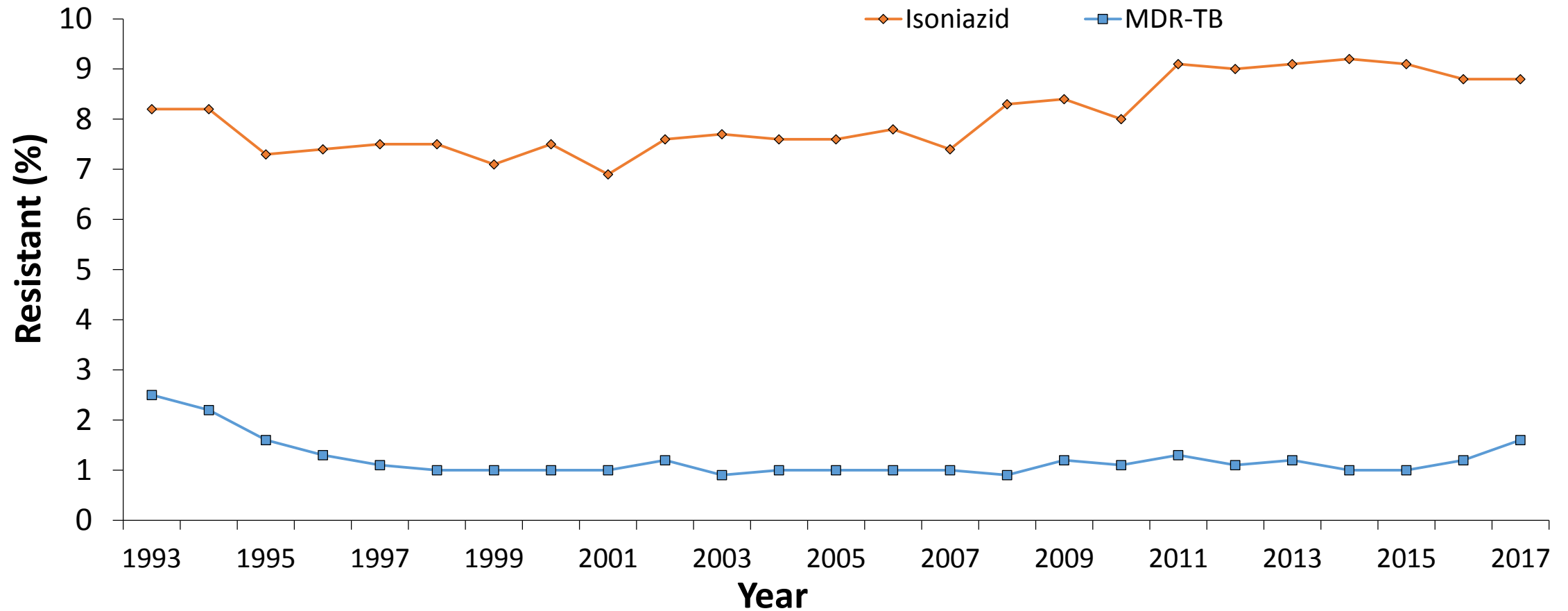
Regimen	INTENSIVE PHASE			CONTINUATION PHASE			Comments <sup>c, d</sup>	Regimen Effectiveness
	Drugs <sup>a</sup>	Interval and Dose <sup>b</sup> (minimum duration)	Drugs	Interval and Dose <sup>b, c</sup> (minimum duration)	Range of Total Doses			
1	INH RIF PZA EMB	7 days/week for 56 doses (8 weeks) <i>or</i> 5 days/week for 40 doses (8 weeks)	INH RIF	7 days/week for 126 doses (18 weeks) <i>or</i> 5 days/week for 90 doses (18 weeks)	182 to 130	This is the preferred regimen for patients with newly diagnosed pulmonary TB.	 <p>Greater</p> <p>Lesser</p>	
2	INH RIF PZA EMB	7 days/week for 56 doses (8 weeks) <i>or</i> 5 days/week for 40 doses (8 weeks)	INH RIF	3 times weekly for 54 doses (18 weeks)	110 to 94	Preferred alternative regimen in situations in which more frequent DOT during continuation phase is difficult to achieve.		
3	INH RIF PZA EMB	3 times weekly for 24 doses (8 weeks)	INH RIF	3 times weekly for 54 doses (18 weeks)	78	Use regimen with caution in patients with HIV and/or cavitory disease. Missed doses can lead to treatment failure, relapse, and acquired drug resistance.		
4	INH RIF PZA EMB	7 days/week for 14 doses then twice weekly for 12 doses <sup>e</sup>	INH RIF	Twice weekly for 36 doses (18 weeks)	62	Do not use twice-weekly regimens in HIV-infected patients or patients with smear positive and/or cavitory disease. If doses are missed then therapy is equivalent to once weekly, which is inferior.		

# Drug Resistance

Resistance Pattern	Drugs Resistant To	Treatment Duration
Drug sensitive (DS)	None	6 months
Multi-drug resistant (MDR)	Isoniazid, Rifampin	9-12 months (no additional resistance) 18-20 months
Extensively-drug resistant (XDR)	Isoniazid, Rifampin, Fluoroquinolones, 2 <sup>nd</sup> line injectable agents	20+ months

- Drug resistance can develop due to:
  - Poor drug adherence causing inadequate drug concentration levels which allows overgrowth of resistant bacterial mutants
  - Primary transmission of a drug resistant TB strain
- 2017: estimated 3.5% of new cases and 18% previously treated cases were MDR-TB

# Primary Anti-TB Drug Resistance, United States, 1993–2017\*



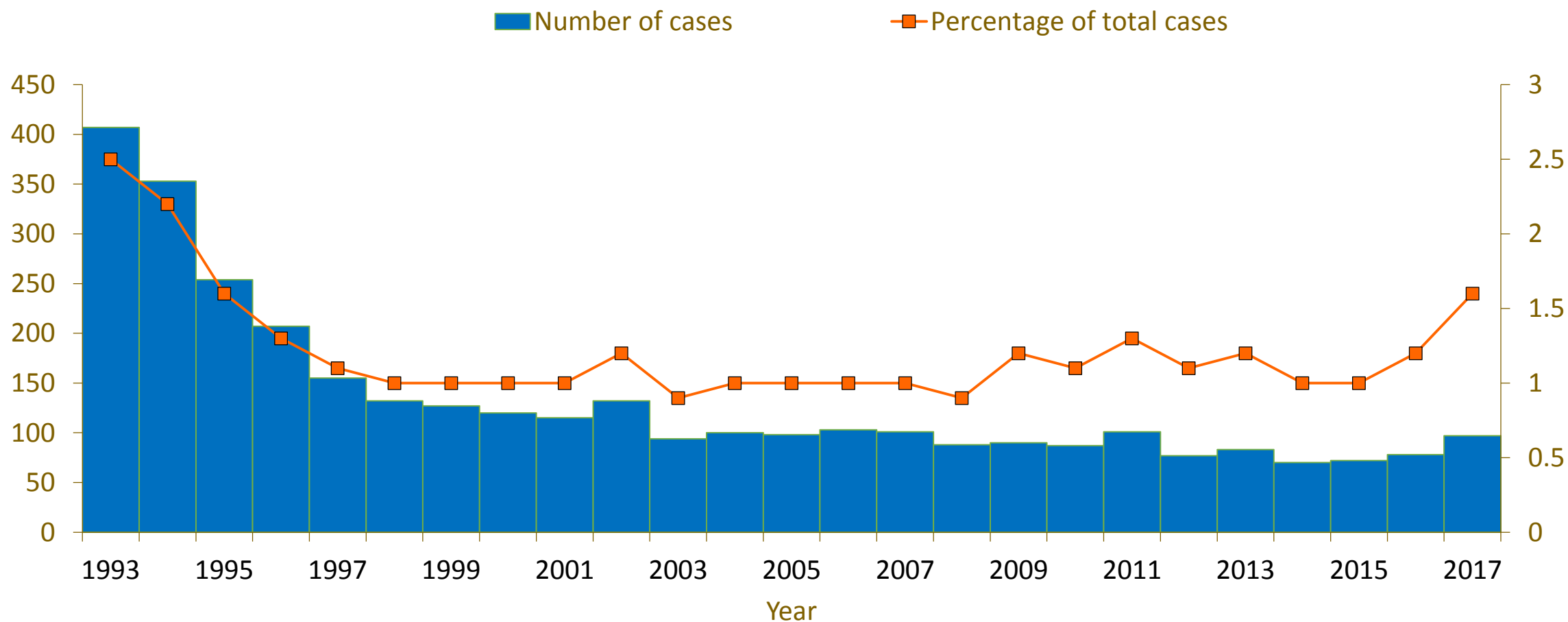
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# Primary MDR-TB, United States, 1993–2017\*

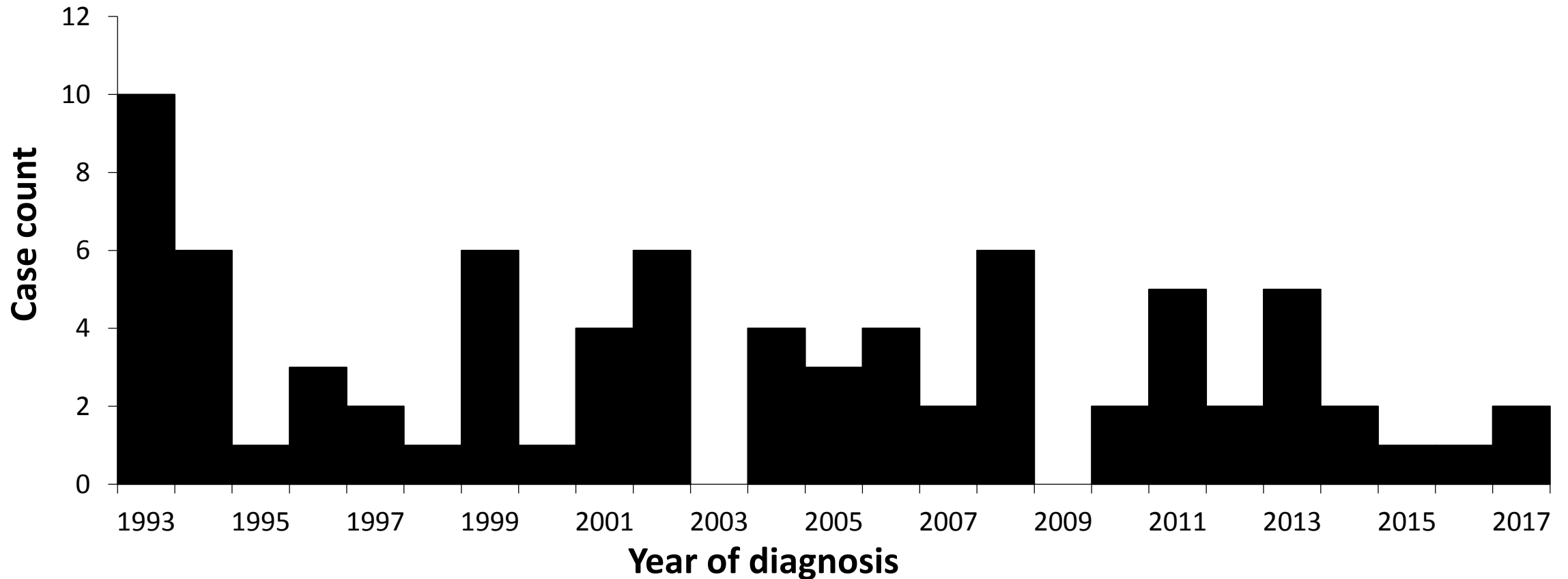
No. of cases

Percentage



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# XDR TB\* Case Count, Defined on Initial DST,<sup>†</sup> by Year, 1993–2017<sup>§</sup>



\* XDR TB, extensively drug-resistant TB.

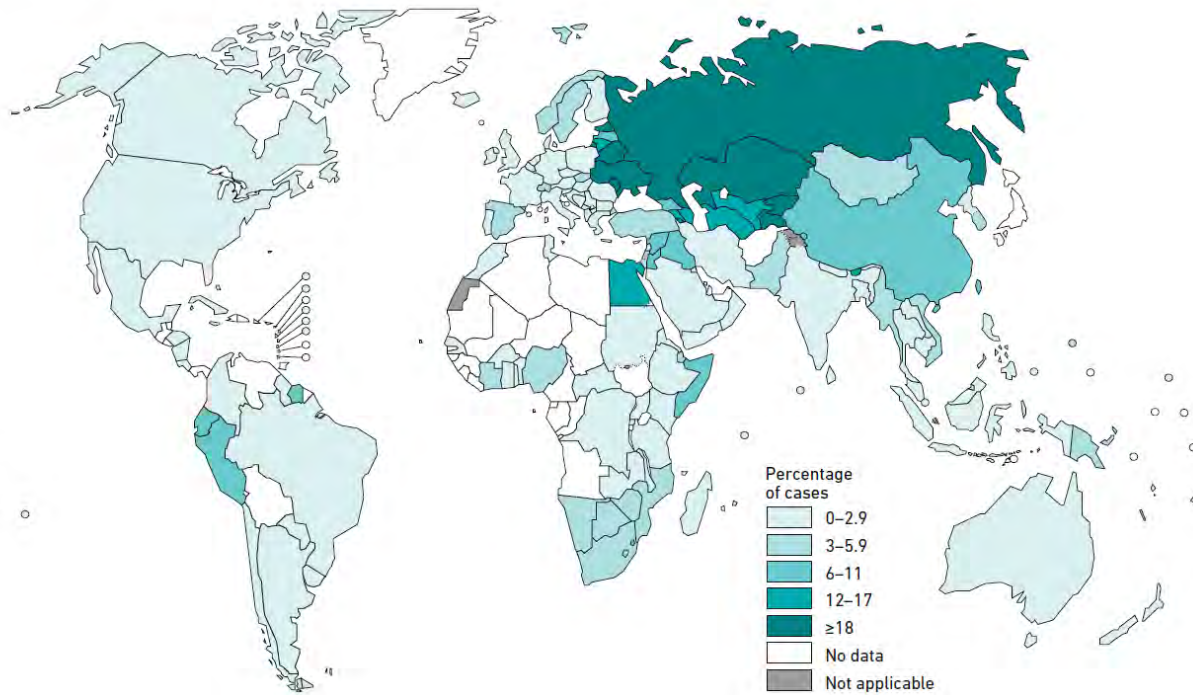
<sup>†</sup> DST, drug susceptibility test.

<sup>§</sup> XDR TB is defined as resistance to isoniazid and rifampin, plus resistance to any fluoroquinolone and at least one of three injectable second-line anti-TB drugs.

# Global MDR-TB Rates

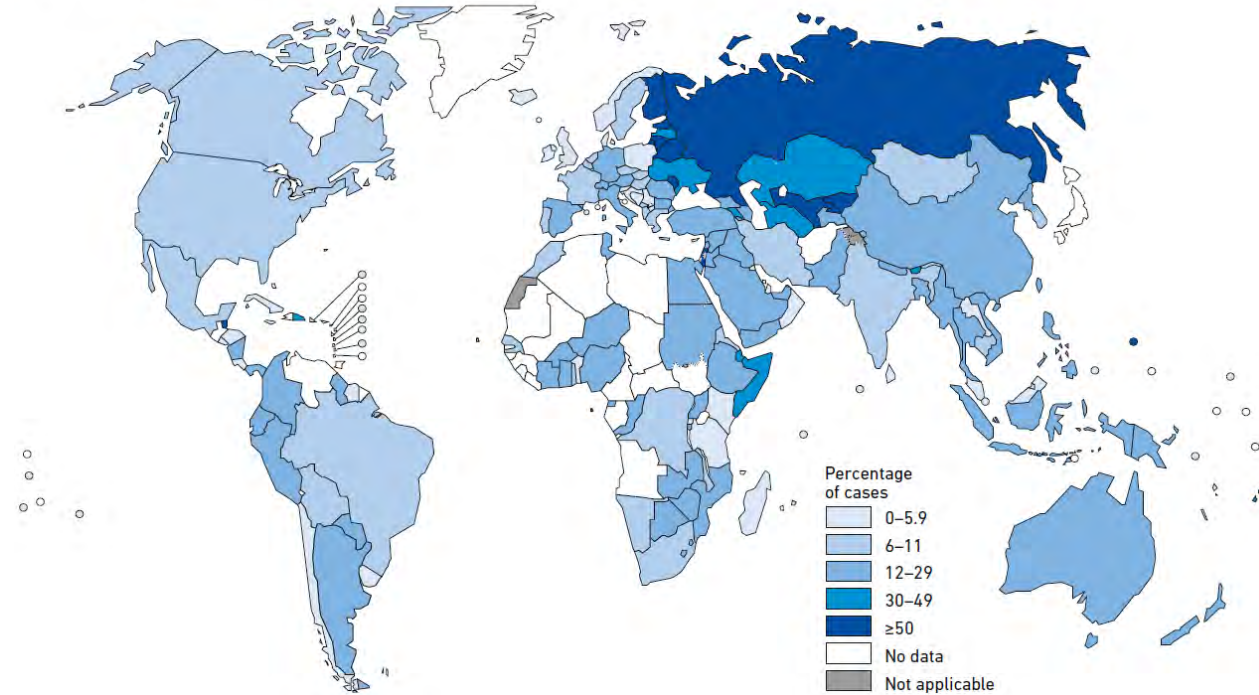
**FIG. 3.20**

Percentage of new TB cases with MDR/RR-TB<sup>a</sup>



**FIG. 3.21**

Percentage of previously treated TB cases with MDR/RR-TB<sup>a</sup>



# WHO MDR-TB Treatment Guidelines

- Treat for 18-20 months
- Include  $\geq 5$  drugs considered to be effective

Table 1. Grouping of medicines recommended for use in longer MDR-TB regimens

GROUP	MEDICINE	Abbreviation
<b>Group A:</b> Include all three medicines (unless they cannot be used)	Levofloxacin <u>OR</u> Moxifloxacin	Lfx Mfx
	Bedaquiline <sup>1,4</sup>	Bdq
	Linezolid <sup>2</sup>	Lzd
	Clofazimine	Cfz
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	Amikacin ( <u>OR</u> Streptomycin) <sup>7</sup>	Am (S)
	Ethionamide <u>OR</u> Prothionamide	Eto Pto
	<i>p</i> -aminosalicylic acid	PAS

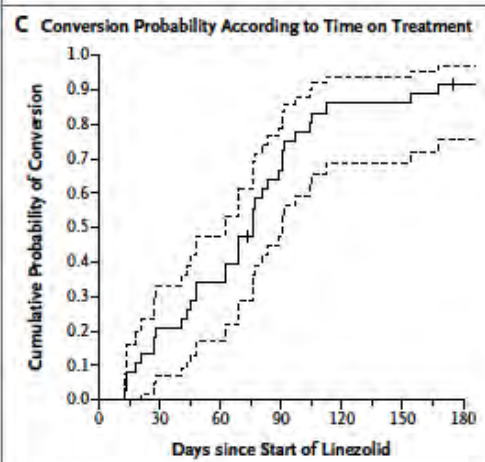
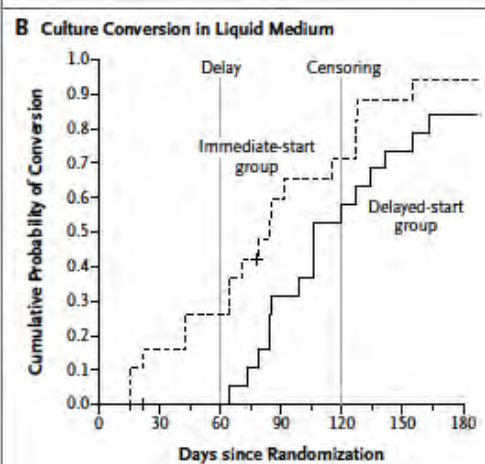
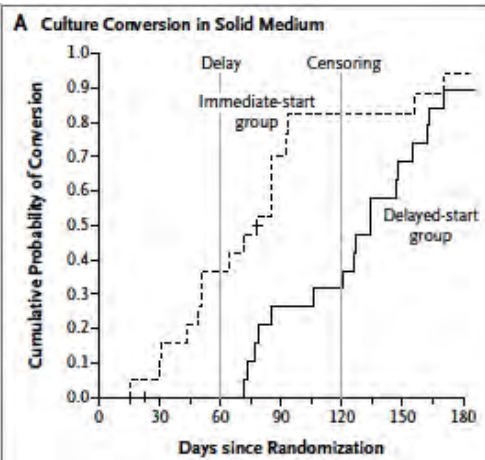
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	Rifampicin	R
	Ethambutol	E
	Pyrazinamide	Z
	Rifabutin <sup>a</sup>	Rfb
	Rifapentine <sup>a</sup>	Rpt
<b>Group 2.</b> Injectable anti-TB drugs (injectable agents or parental agents)	Streptomycin <sup>b</sup>	S
	Kanamycin	Km
	Amikacin	Am
	Capreomycin	Cm
<b>Group 3.</b> Fluoroquinolones (FQs) <sup>d</sup>	Levofloxacin	Lfx
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	Para-aminosalicylic acid	PAS
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<b>Group 5.</b> Anti-TB drugs with limited data on efficacy and/or long term safety in the treatment of drug-resistant TB (This group includes new anti-TB agents)	Bedaquiline	Bdq
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	Imipenem/cilastatin <sup>f</sup>	Ipm/Cln
	Meropenem <sup>f</sup>	Mpm
	High-dose isoniazid	High dose H
	Thioacetazone <sup>g</sup>	T
	Clarithromycin <sup>g</sup>	Clr

# WHO MDR-TB Treatment

- Treatment principles:
  - Intensive phase should contain at least four 2<sup>nd</sup>-line drugs likely to be effective and PZA
  - Generally should include ≥1 drug from each class
  - Intensive phase should last ≥8 mo or ≥4 mo past cx conversion
  - Total treatment duration ≥20 mo or ≥12 mo past cx conversion





# Linezolid for Treatment of Chronic Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

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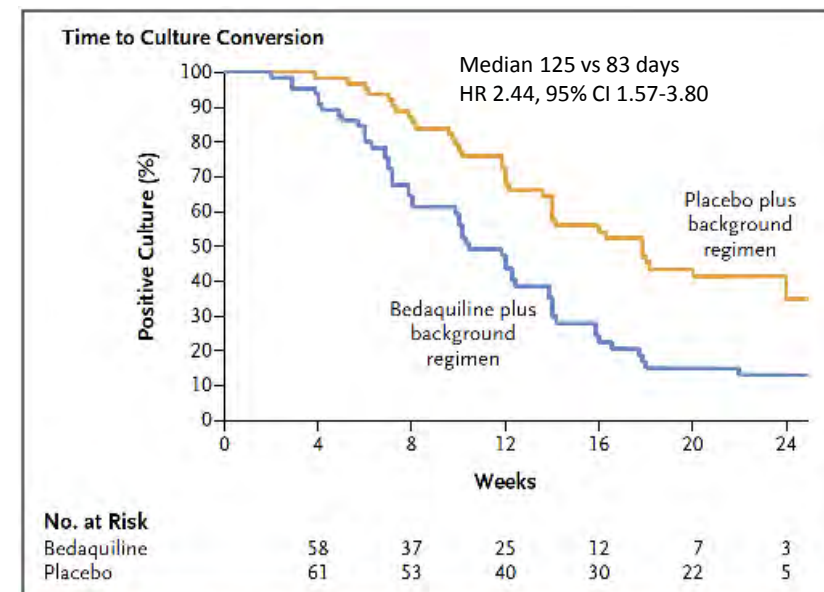
- 41 chronic pulmonary XDR-TB pts no response to background regimen x6 mo randomized add LZD immediately or after 2 mo
- 4 mo: 15/19 (79%) immediate, 7/20 (35%) delayed cx converted (P=0.001)
- 34/39 (87%) converted by 6 mo

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# Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis and Culture Conversion with Bedaquiline

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- 160 patients with smear+ MDR-TB randomized to preferred background regimen (96 wks) plus BDQ vs placebo during initial 24 wks
- Week 24 culture conversion: 79% vs 58%, P=0.008
- Wk 120 cure rates: 58% vs 32%, P=0.003



**Figure 3. Time to Sputum-Culture Conversion in the Modified Intention-to-Treat Population.**

Shown is the proportion of patients in each study group who had positive results on *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* culture during the 24-week investigational treatment phase of the study. Patients who withdrew from the study, who died, or who did not have sputum-culture conversion by week 24 were considered to have had treatment failure in the primary analysis, regardless of their culture status at the time of dropout or death. For these patients, data were censored at their last assessment, so the proportion of patients who had culture conversion cannot be derived from the data in the figure. Analysis based on a Cox proportional-hazards model with adjustment for study center and degree of radiographic lung cavitation showed significantly faster conversion in the bedaquiline group than in the placebo group at 24 weeks (P<0.001). The number of patients at risk at each time point is the number of patients who did not have culture conversion and who were still participating in the study.



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	Meropenem <sup>f</sup>	Mpm
	High-dose isoniazid	High dose H
	Thioacetazone <sup>g</sup>	T
	Clarithromycin <sup>g</sup>	Clr

- Choose ≥5 active drugs including PZA
- Intensive phase ≥8 months
- Total treatment duration ≥20 months

<b>A. Fluoroquinolones<sup>2</sup></b>		Levofloxacin Moxifloxacin Gatifloxacin	Lfx Mfx Gfx
<b>B. Second-line injectable agents</b>		Amikacin Capreomycin Kanamycin (Streptomycin) <sup>3</sup>	Am Cm Km (S)
<b>C. Other core second-line agents<sup>2</sup></b>		Ethionamide / Prothionamide Cycloserine / Terizidone Linezolid Clofazimine	Eto / Pto Cs / Trd Lzd Cfz
<b>D. Add-on agents</b> (not part of the core MDR-TB regimen)	<b>D1</b>	Pyrazinamide Ethambutol High-dose isoniazid	Z E H <sup>b</sup>
	<b>D2</b>	Bedaquiline Delamanid	Bdq Dlm
	<b>D3</b>	<i>p</i> -aminosalicylic acid Imipenem-cilastatin <sup>4</sup> Meropenem <sup>4</sup> Amoxicillin-clavulanate <sup>4</sup> (Thioacetazone) <sup>5</sup>	PAS IpM Mpm Amx-Clv (T)

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**2016:**

- Groups reorganized
- Now allows for 9-12 mo regimen for MDR-TB with no additional resistance and no prior 2<sup>nd</sup> line treatment

**2018:**

Groups reorganized again now allowing for all oral regimen

FIG. 4.22

Treatment outcomes for new and relapse TB cases in 2016, 30 high TB burden countries, WHO regions and globally

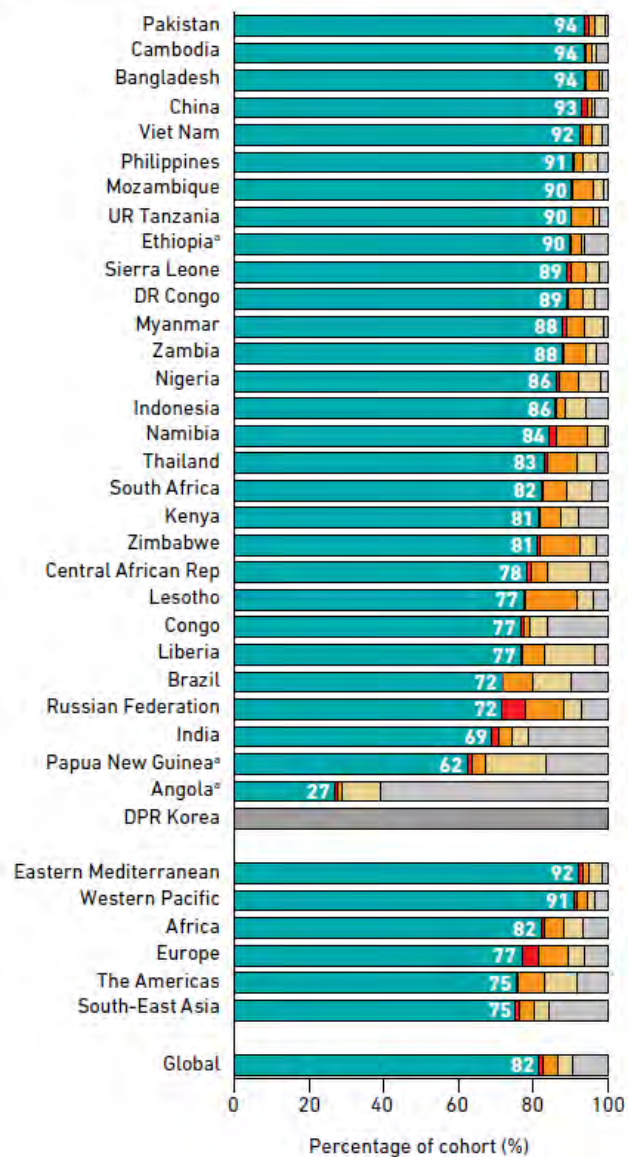
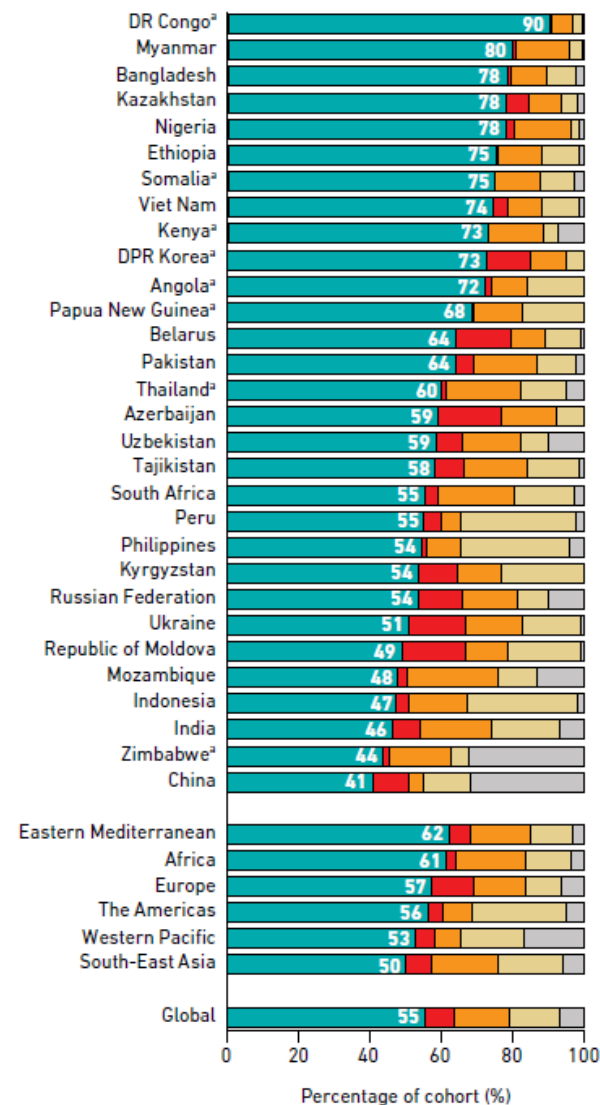


FIG. 4.26

Treatment outcomes for MDR/RR-TB cases started on treatment in 2015, 30 high MDR-TB burden countries, WHO regions and globally



# Global TB Treatment Outcomes

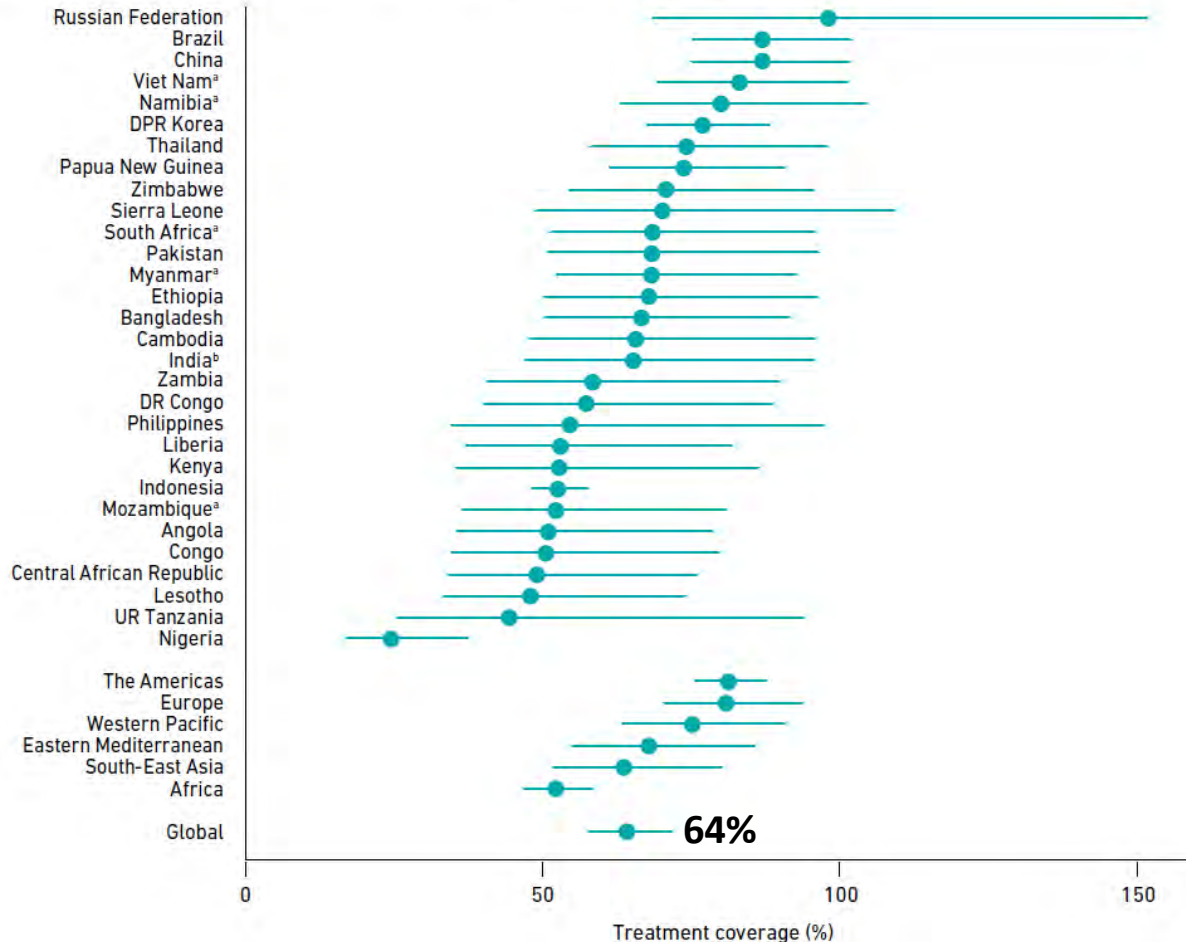
XDR-TB treatment outcomes:

- 34% treatment success
- 19% treatment failure
- 26% died
- 21% lost to follow-up or not evaluated

# Global Treatment Coverage Rates

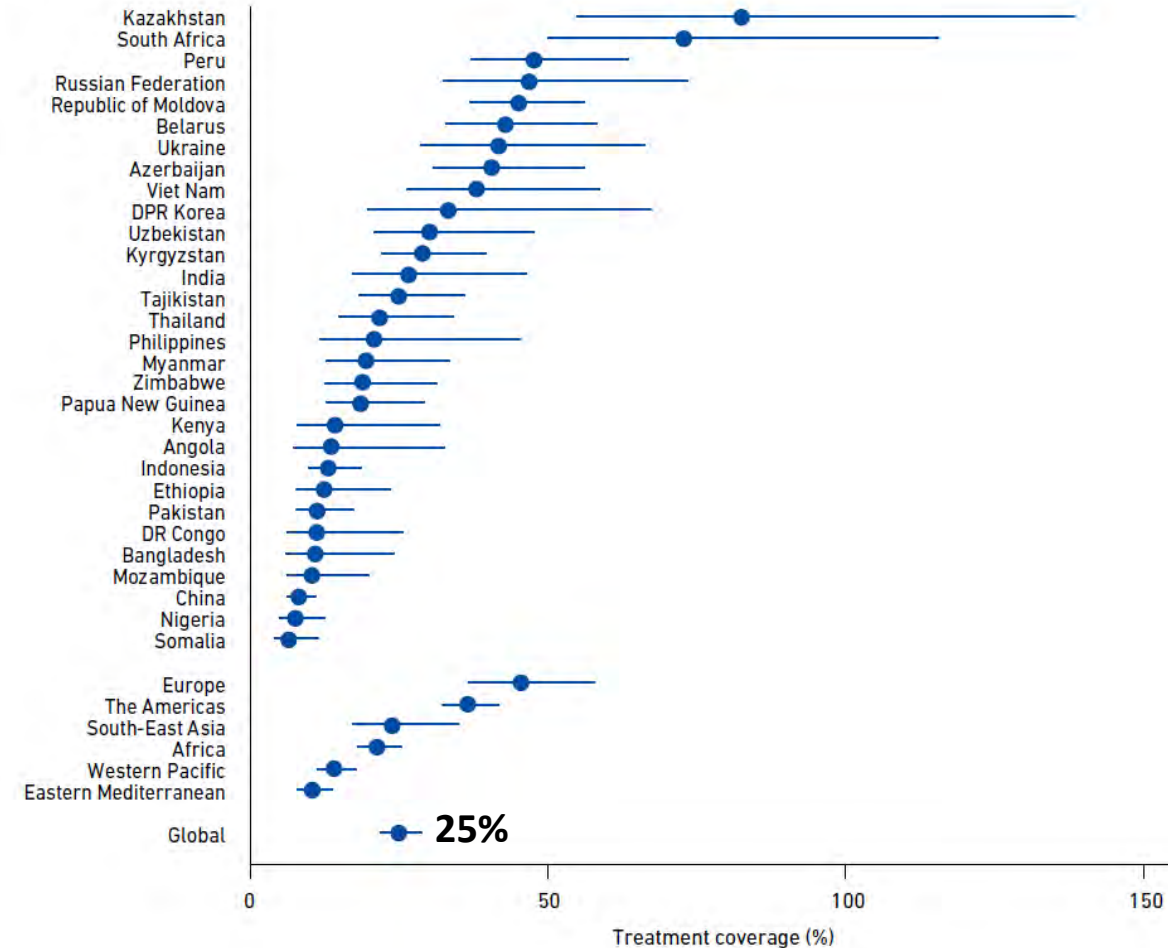
**FIG. 4.16**

Estimated TB treatment coverage (new and relapse patients as a percentage of estimated TB incidence) in 2017, 30 high TB burden countries, WHO regions and globally



**FIG. 4.20**

Estimated treatment coverage for MDR/RR-TB (patients started on treatment for MDR-TB as a percentage of the estimated incidence of MDR/RR-TB) in 2017, 30 high MDR-TB burden countries, WHO regions and globally

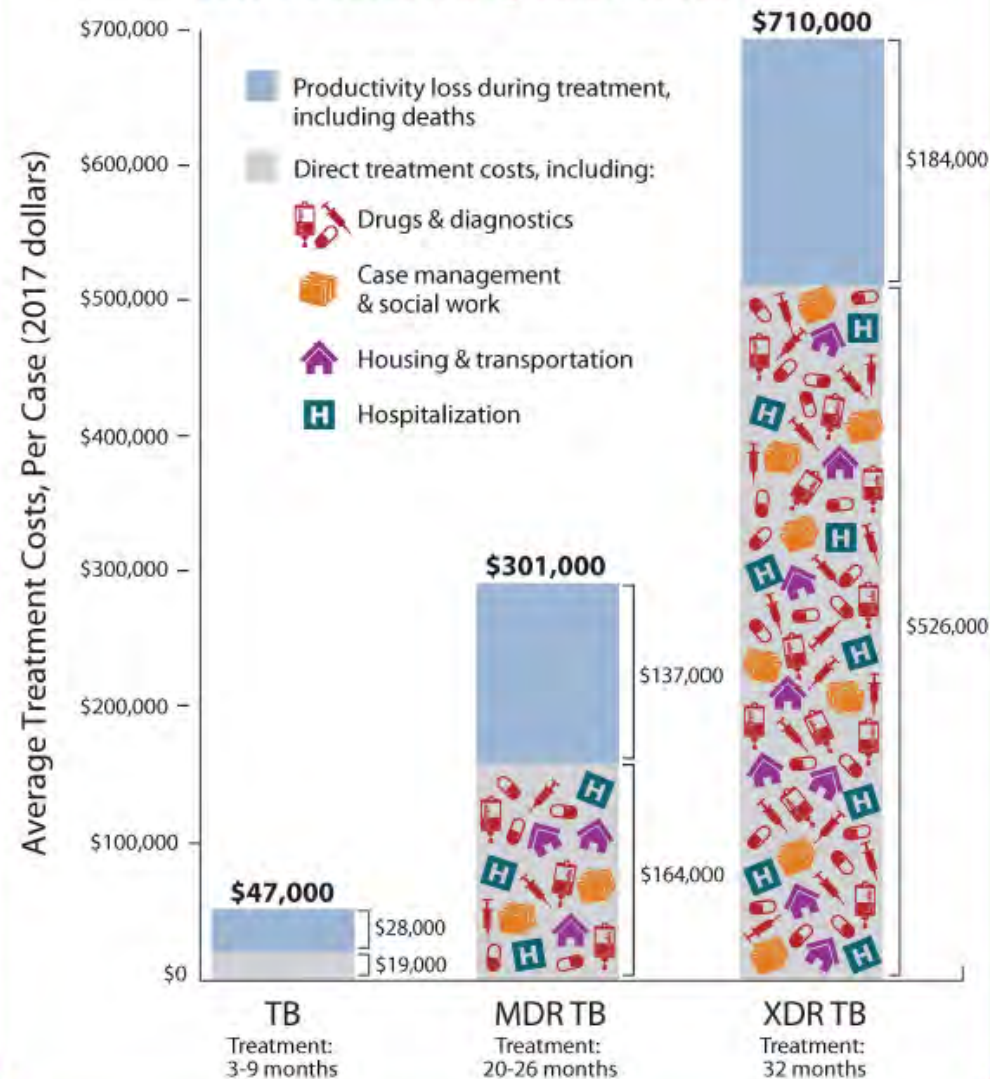




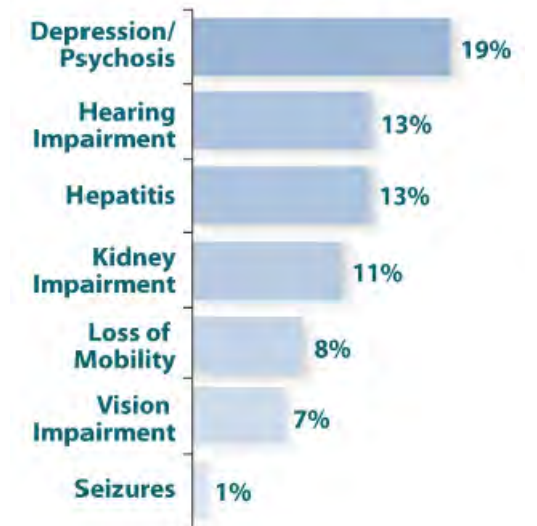
# Cost of TB Treatment

## The Outsized Financial Toll of MDR and XDR TB

Cost increases with greater resistance:



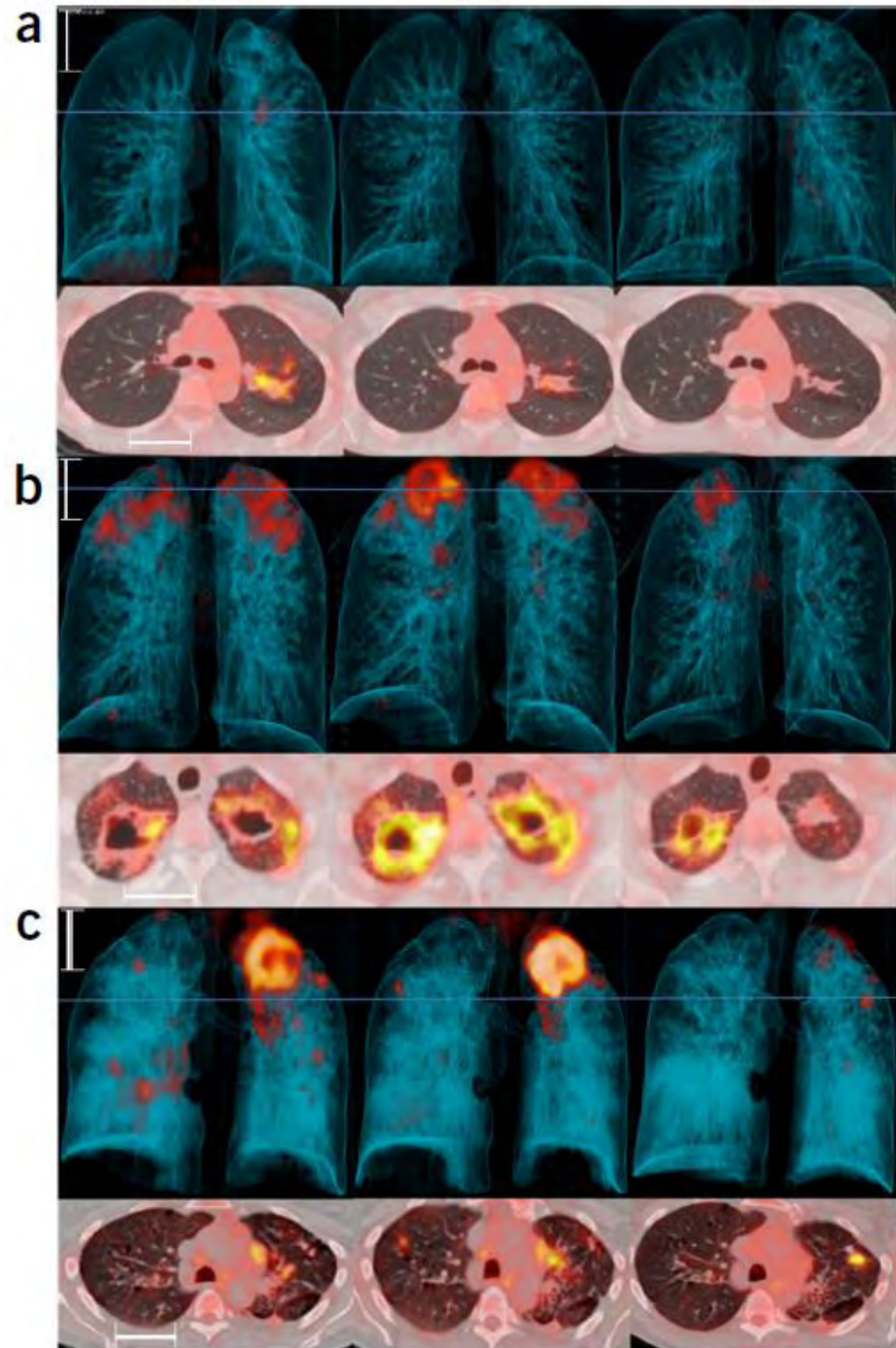
## Severe Treatment Side Effects



Diagnosis

M1

M6

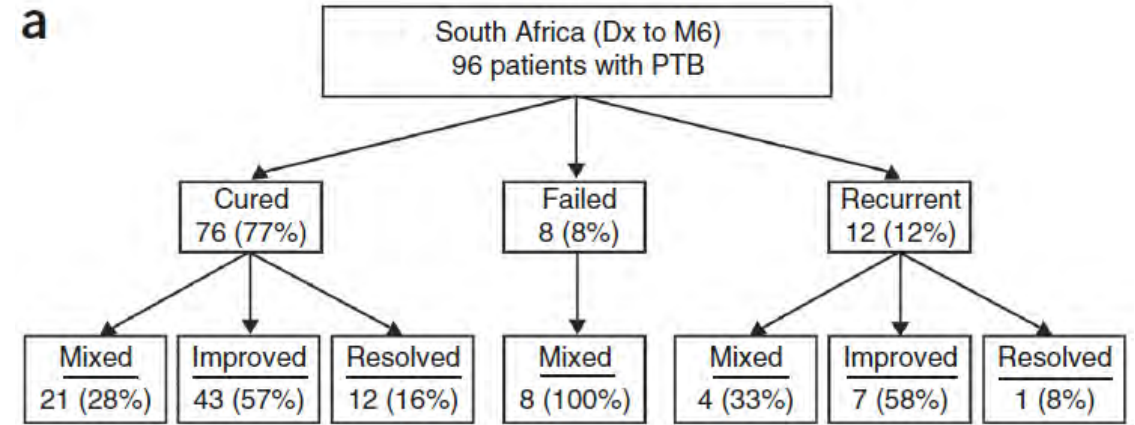


Cure: resolved  
14/99 (14%)

Cure: improved  
(persistent uptake)  
51/99 (52%)

Cure: mixed  
response  
(new/increased  
intensity)  
34/99 (34%)

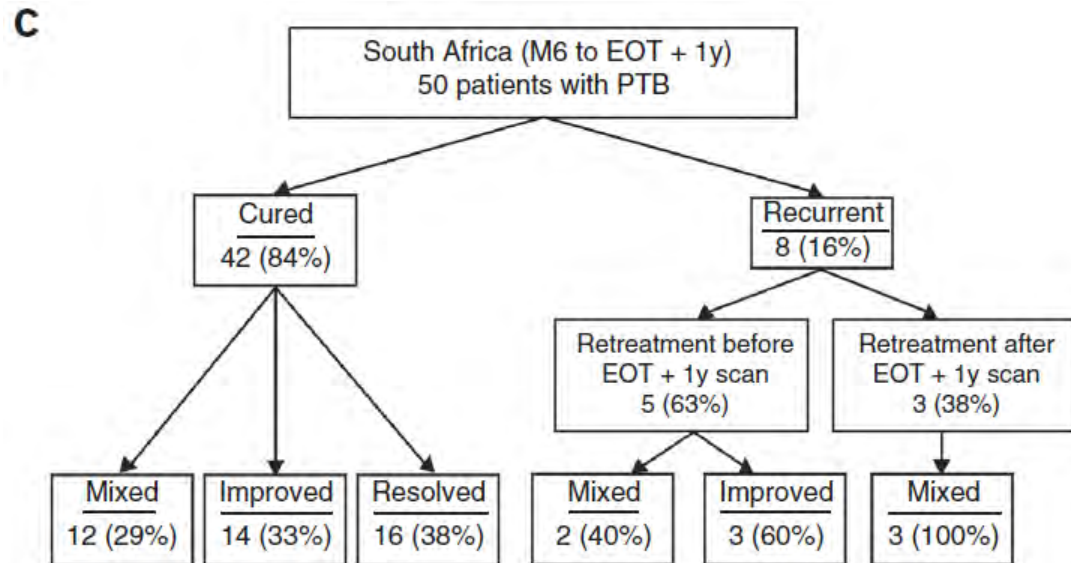
# Host Factor Affecting Cure



3 patients missing treatment outcome



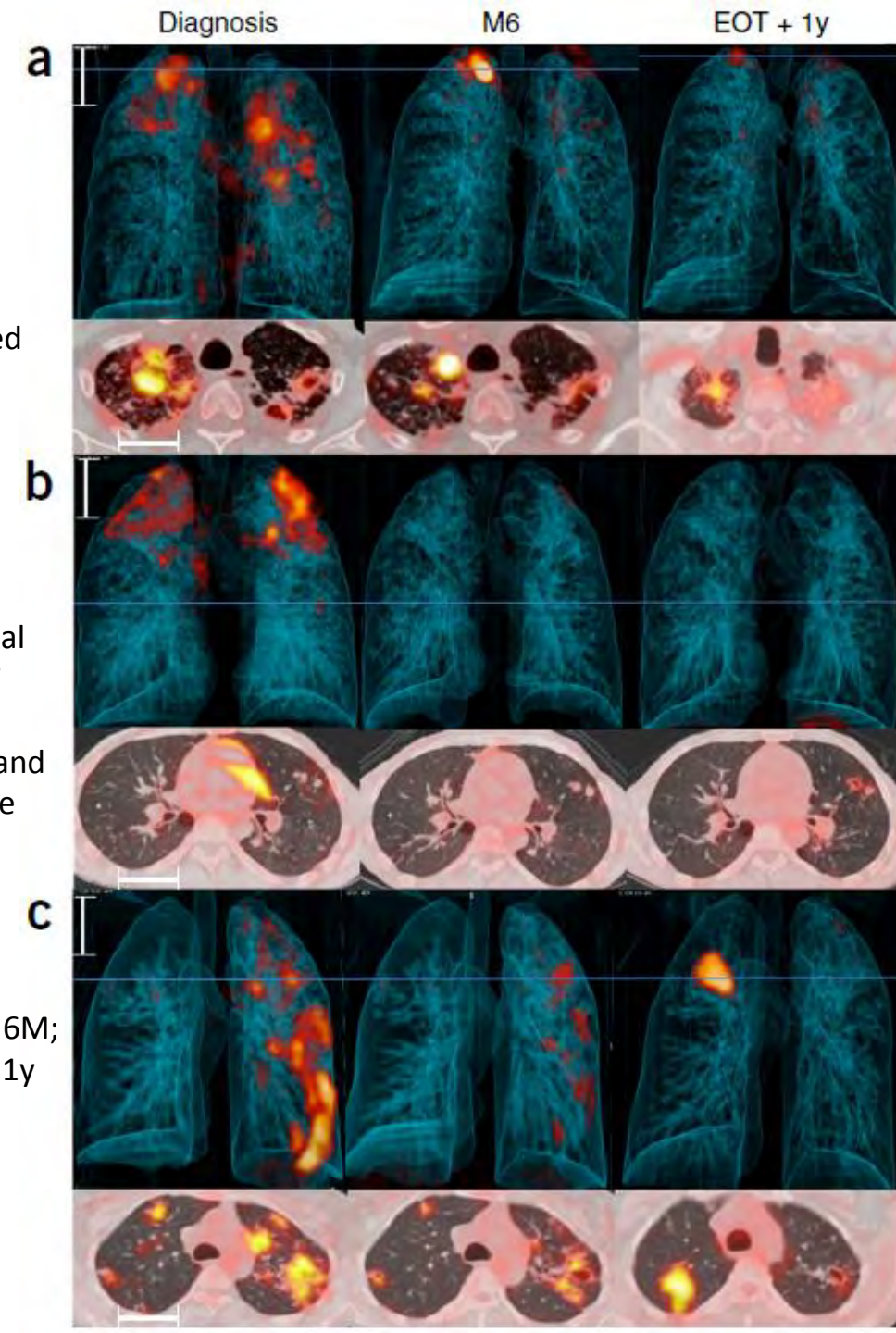
# Host Factor Affecting Cure



Cure: new M6  
lesion, improved  
1y later

Cure: M6 residual  
nodules, no PET  
uptake; 1y later  
with cavitation and  
increased uptake

Residual uptake at 6M;  
new consolidation 1y  
later but cx-;  
cx+ 6 mo later

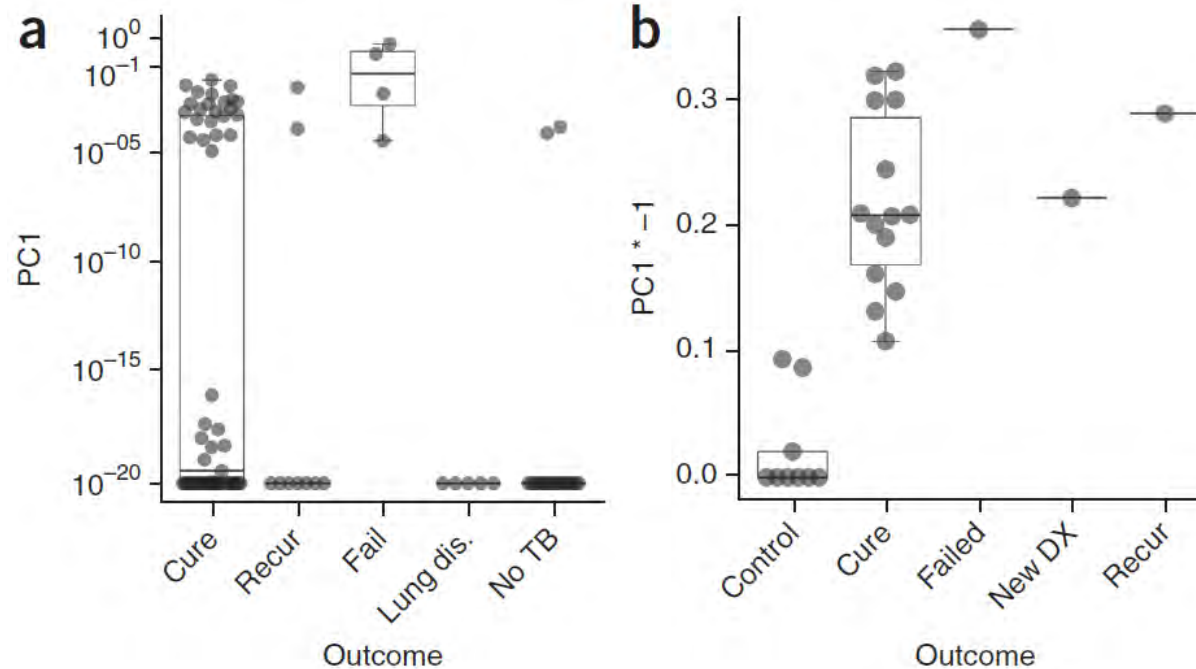


# Host Factor Affecting Cure

Figure 5

M6 sputum with detectable Mtb mRNA:

- 22/60 (37%) cured
- 4/4 failed
- 2/9 (22%) recurrent TB
- 0/5 other lung diseases
- 2/20 (10%) healthy controls



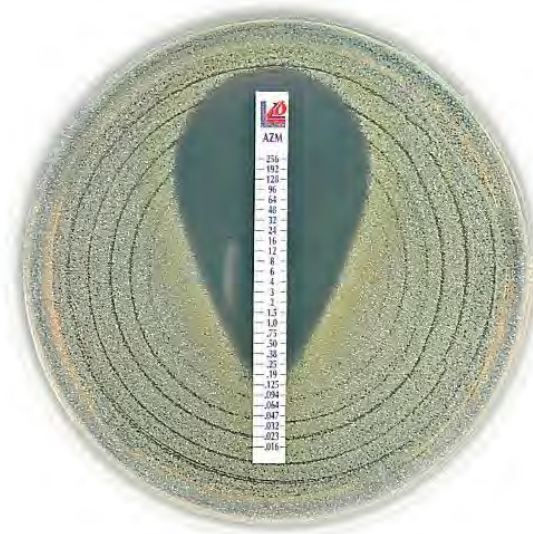
EOT BAL with detectable Mtb mRNA:

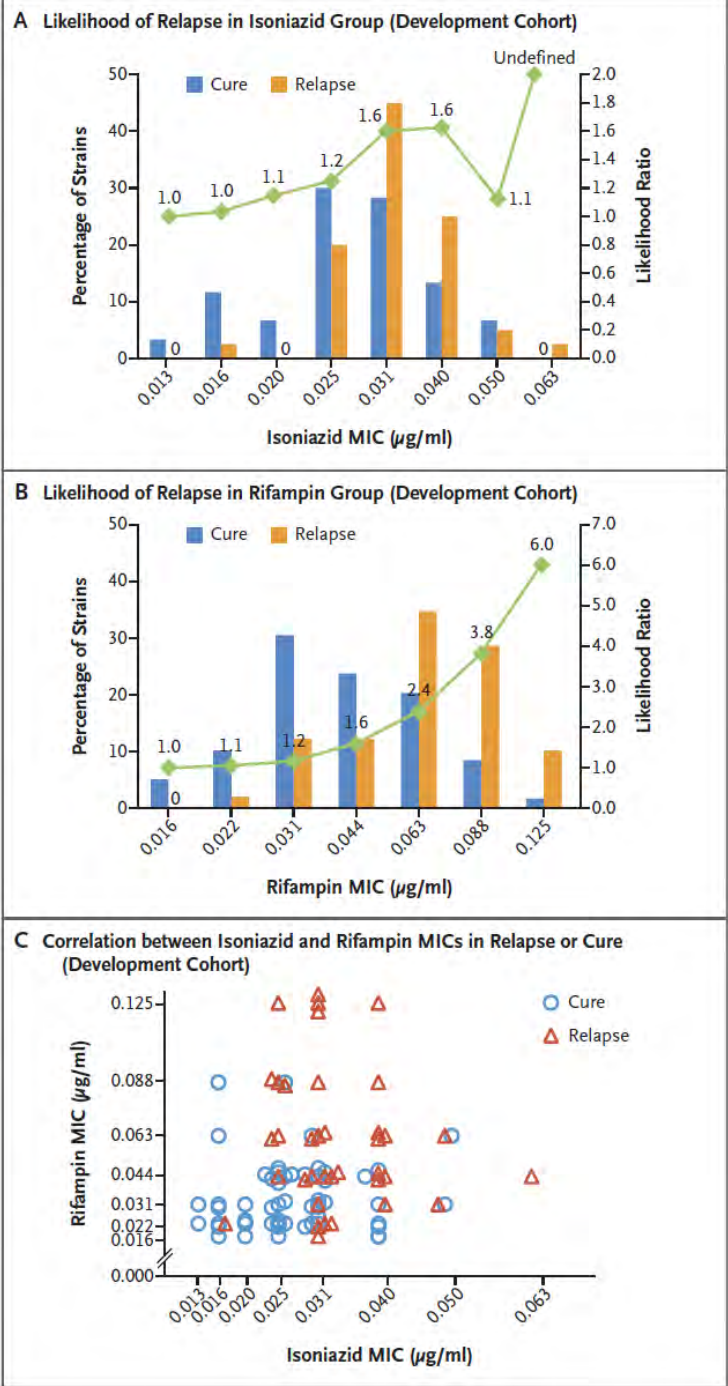
- 14/14 cured
- 1/1 failed
- 1/1 newly diagnosed TB
- 1/1 recurrent TB
- 2/10 controls (1 subsequently dxed with TB)



# Bacterial Factor Affecting Cure: MIC

- Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC): the lowest concentration of an antibiotic that prevents >99% growth in solid or liquid medium
- Resistance breakpoint: a chosen concentration of antibiotic which defines whether a bacteria is susceptible or resistant
  - MIC < breakpoint = susceptible
  - MIC = breakpoint = intermediate
  - MIC > breakpoint = resistant
  - INH = 0.1 µg/ml; RIF = 1.0 µg/ml

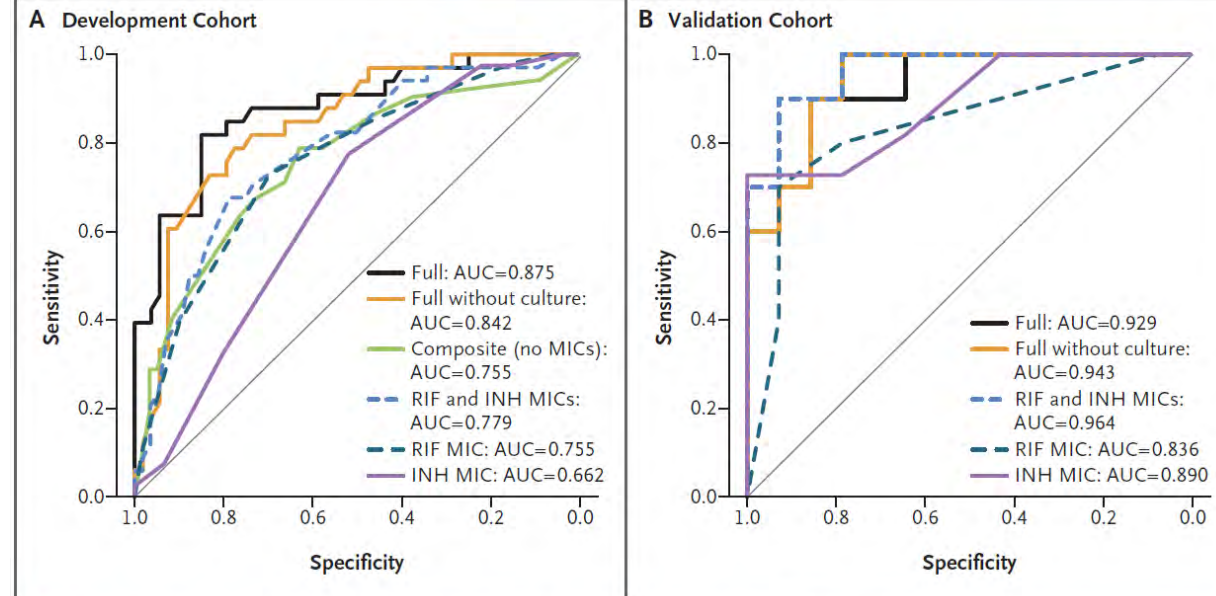




	mean MIC ( $\pm$ SD) $\mu$ g/ml	Ratio (95% CI)	P
INH	0.0334	1.17	
Relapse	$\pm 0.0085$	(1.03-1.33)	0.02
Cure	$\pm 0.0286$		

LR >1 Test result associated with disease  
 LR =1 Test result not helpful  
 LR <1 Test result associated with absence of disease

	mean MIC ( $\pm$ SD) $\mu$ g/ml	Ratio (95% CI)	P
RIF	0.0695	1.53	
Relapse	$\pm 0.0276$	(1.27-1.86)	<0.001
Cure	$\pm 0.0453$		



**Figure 2. Receiver-Operating-Characteristic (ROC) Curves for Relapse after Tuberculosis Treatment.**

Shown are ROC curves in the development cohort (Panel A) and the validation cohort (Panel B). Curves are displayed for MIC values of isoniazid (INH) and rifampin (RIF) alone, for MIC values of isoniazid plus rifampin, and for the other models discussed below, as indicated. ROC curves are graphical plots that illustrate the performance of a binary classifier system as its discrimination threshold is varied. The curves were created by plotting the true positive rate against the false positive rate at various threshold settings. The area under the curve (AUC) that is shown in each plot summarizes the overall biomarker performance in a single number, with 0.5 indicating no difference from chance and 1.0 indicating a perfect biomarker with sensitivity and specificity both equal to 100%. The full model includes the following factors: MIC values of isoniazid and rifampin, cavitory disease on radiography, being underweight, and a positive 8-week sputum culture. The full model without culture results includes the same covariates as the full model with the exclusion of a positive 8-week sputum culture. The composite model includes the same covariates as the full model with the exclusion of the MIC values of isoniazid and rifampin.

- Bacterial factors (INH/RIF sub-breakpoint MICs) predicted relapse just as well as all other significant host factors (cavity on CXR, underweight, wk 8 sputum cx+)
- A subpopulation of “drug-sensitive” *Mtb* may require a higher concentration of antibiotics for better treatment outcomes
- Combining host and bacterial factors are highly predictive of relapse and may be used to predict patients cured before 6 months of treatment
- Additional prospective studies are needed in larger cohorts

# TB Treatment Shortening

- British Medical Research Council (BMRC) conducted multiple trials in 1970s and 1980s to reduce treatment duration from 18 to 9 to 6 months, maintaining relapse rates 1-2%
- Attempts to shorten treatment below 6 months resulted in increased relapse rates so 6 months became established as the standard of care

*Table V.* Level of success of regimens of different duration in smear- and culture-positive disease

<i>Duration of chemotherapy (months)</i>	<i>Patients assessed*</i>	<i>Bacteriological relapses</i>	<i>95% confidence limits</i>
9	298	3 (1%)	0.2–2.9
6	422	4 (1%)	0.3–2.4
4½–5	465	16 (3%)	2–6
4	364	43 (12%)	9–16
3	307	41 (13%)	10–18

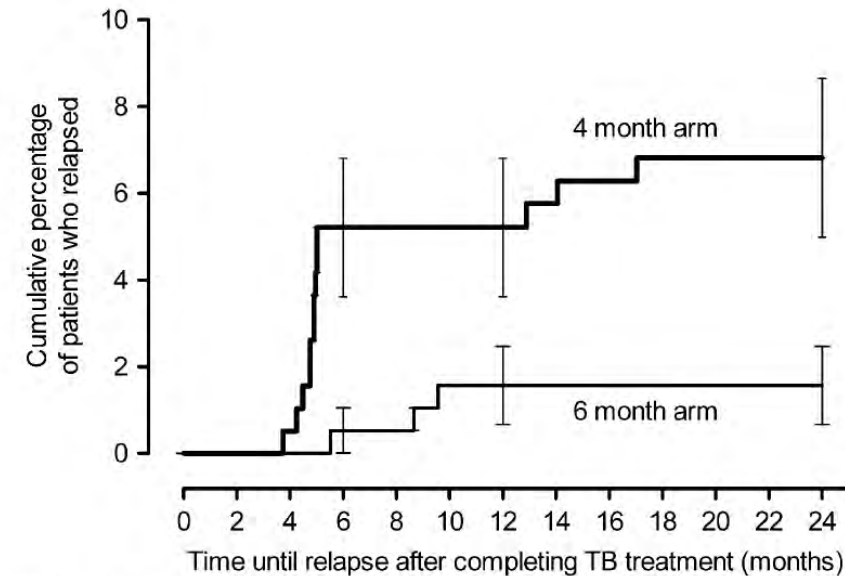
\* The regimens and duration of follow-up are given in Tables II, III and IV. (The six-month and shorter durations all contain streptomycin, isoniazid, rifampicin and pyrazinamide.)

However, in view of the evidence that a very substantial majority, at least 80%, of patients with drug-sensitive infections are cured by three months of intensive four-drug chemotherapy, it is clear that even six-month regimens based on isoniazid, rifampicin and pyrazinamide are already unnecessarily long for most patients and a nine-month regimen even more so.



# TB Treatment Shortening

- DMID 01-009 trial only shortened treatment to 4 mo among those with less severe disease:
  - No cavity on baseline CXR
  - Sputum culture converted to negative by 2 months of treatment
- Trial stopped early due to higher relapse rate in 4-mo arm compared to 6-mo arm (7.0% vs 1.6%,  $p < 0.01$ )
- Despite study failure, 4-mo arm treatment success rate increased from about 80-85% to 93%



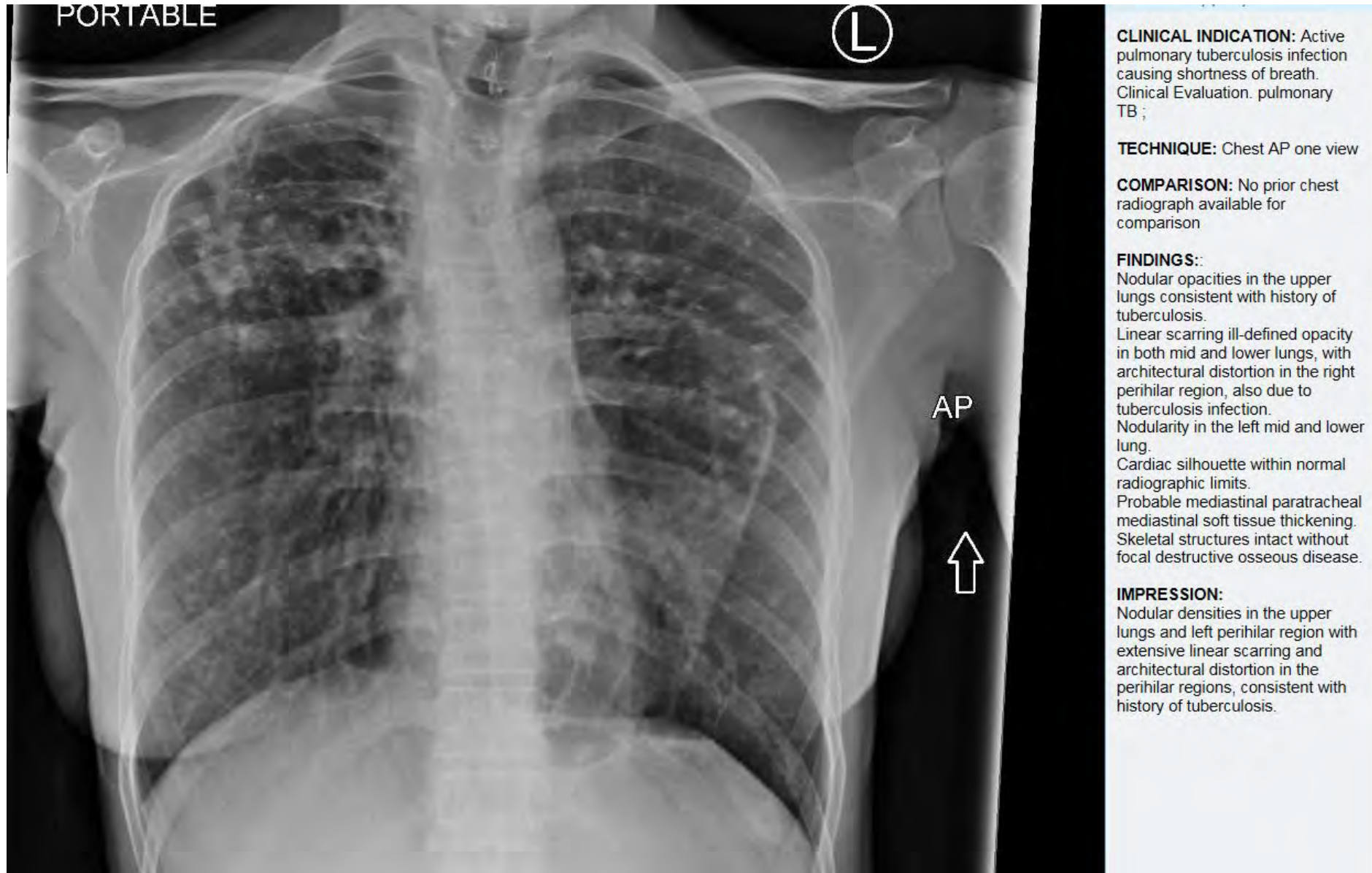
## Number at Risk

6 Month Arm	193	193	191	190	187	184	182
4 Month Arm	193	193	192	181	178	174	173

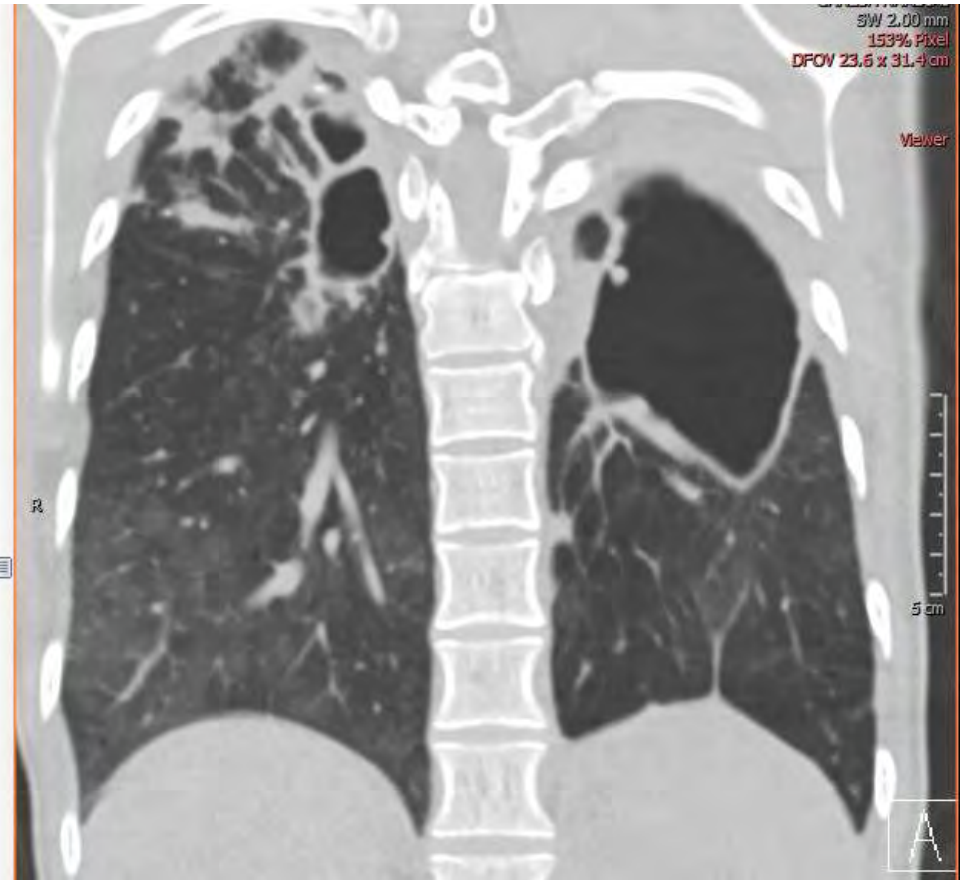
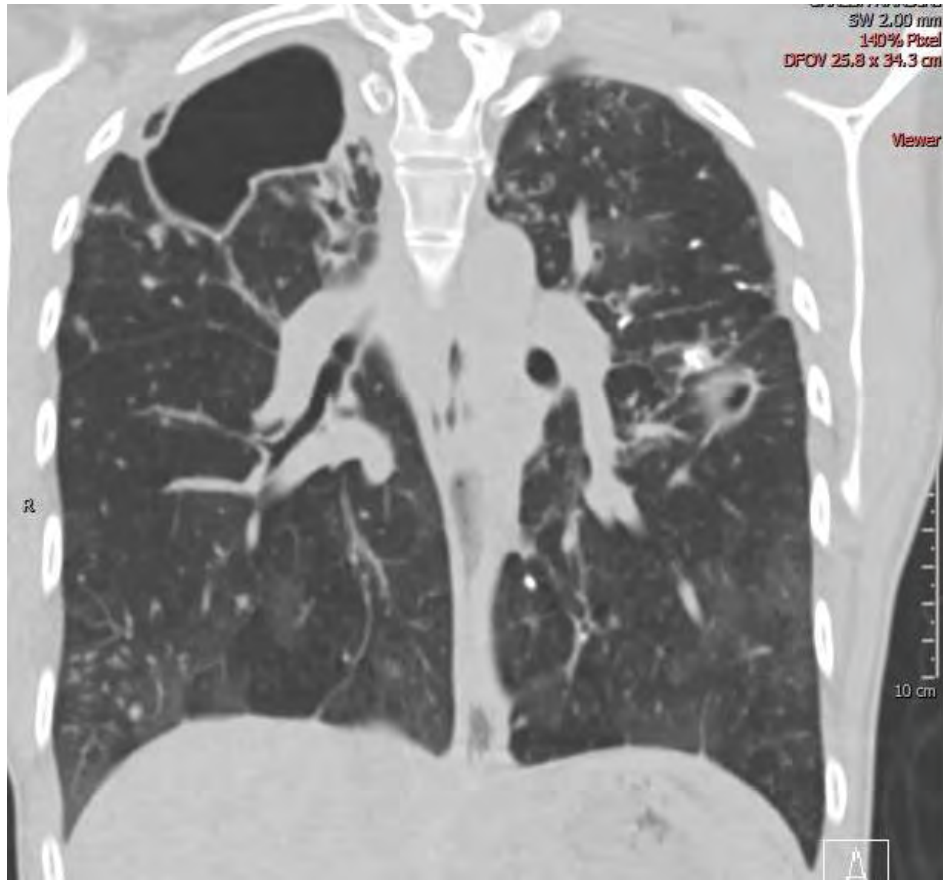
**Figure 2.** Kaplan Meier curve showing the cumulative percentage of patients who relapsed after completing anti-tuberculosis (TB) treatment. The chi-square test for a difference in the percentage of patients who relapsed by treatment arm was significant ( $P < 0.01$ ). Error bars represent the standard error of the mean percentage of patients who relapsed at 6, 12, and 24 months of follow-up after completing treatment.



# Sensitivity of CXR for Cavities



# CT Scan



# Predict TB

## DMID 01-009

- Baseline: no cavity on CXR
- Treatment response:
  - Month 2 sputum culture negative

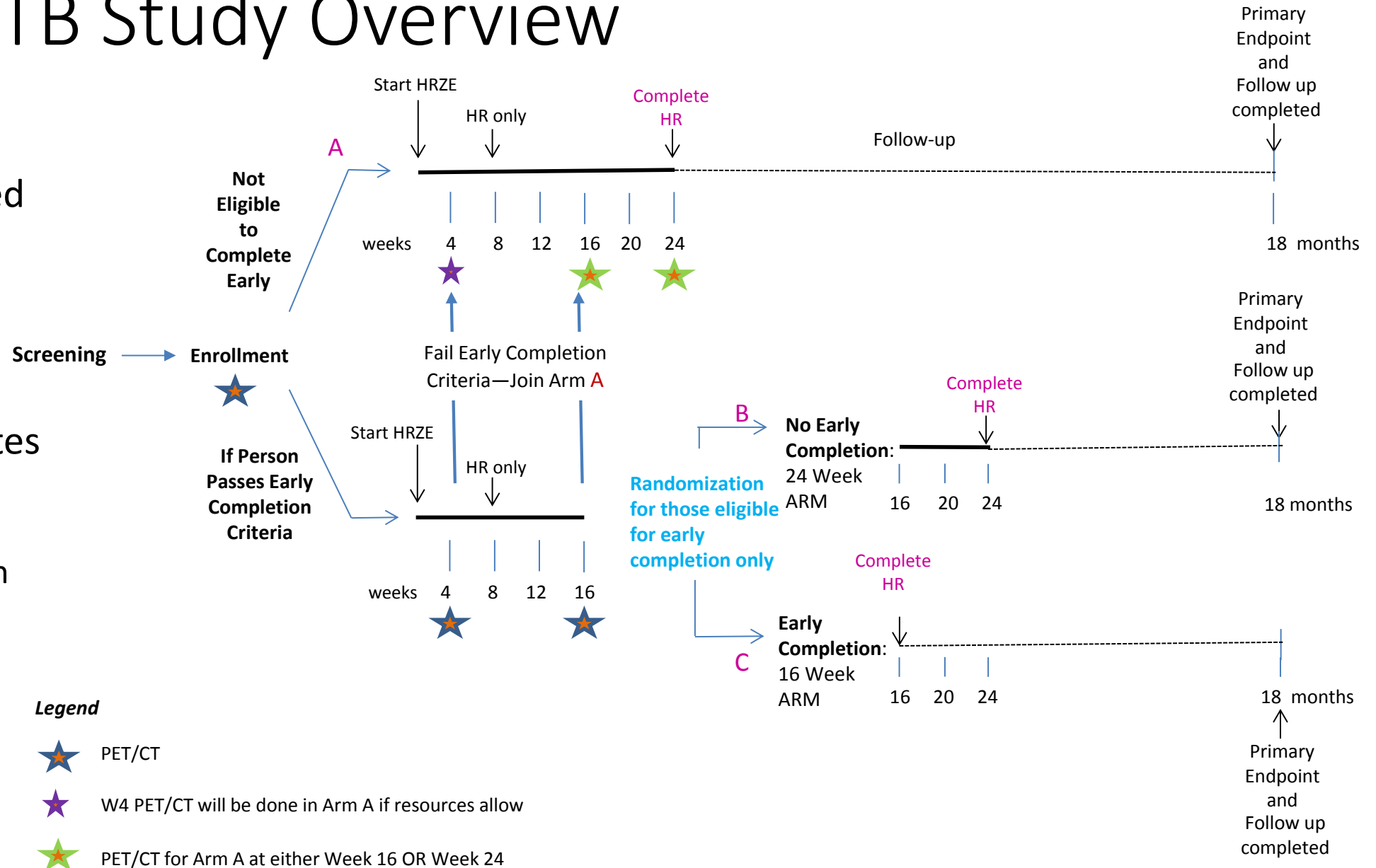
## Predict TB

- Baseline: PET/CT burden of disease
- Treatment response:
  - Month 1 PET/CT burden of disease
  - Month 4 Xpert MTB/RIF cycle threshold

Study	4-month Treatment Success Rate
Prior studies (no stratification)	80-85%
DMID 01-009	93%
Predict TB	?

# Predict TB Study Overview

- Partially randomized phase 2 study;
- Sample size: 310 in Arms B and C combined
- Inclusion criteria: adults; HIV-; diabetes negative
- Locations:
  - Cape Town, South Africa;
  - Henan, China





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# The TB Drug Accelerator (TBDA)

The TBDA is a groundbreaking partnership between eight pharmaceutical companies, seven research institutions, and a product development partnership that seeks to develop a new TB drug regimen through collaboration in early-stage drug discovery research.



# Linezolid for XDR-TB — Final Study Outcomes



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## An exemplar TBDA project: TB oxazolidinone optimization

- Improve Mtb potency by >10x → lower dose
- Limited cross-antibacterial activity
- ↑ MPS & MAO selectivity → improve safety index
- High caseum free fraction & good penetration (low clogP)
  - Profile compounds with various degree of physiochemical properties
- Predicted human PK similar or better than that of linezolid



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# LO ROP: Oxazolidinones (TBDA)

## SCREENING (Hit Package Delivery)

uHTS	ALIS	FRAG	PHENO
NIAID 1/14, 12/14 MRL 6/15	7/30/15	N/A	N/A

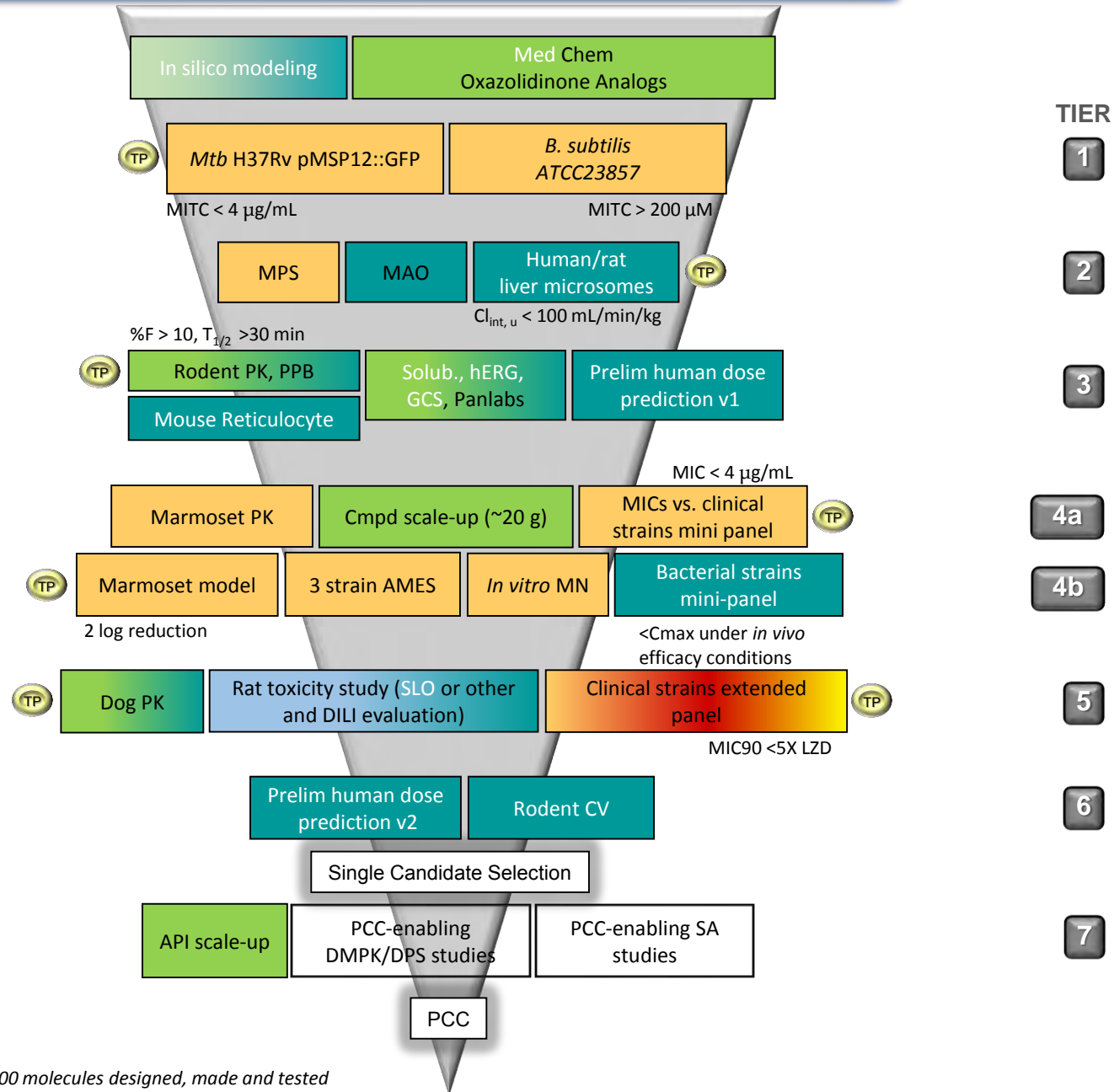
## Ad Hoc Assays

TBDA cross-screening	CS
Cross-resistance with LZD-R strains	CS
Kill curves with Mtb	CS
FOR/Resistance selection (Mtb; $\leq$ Rif FOR)	CS
Analog mutants: Target specific sequencing	CS
Analog mutants: Whole genome sequencing	CS
Caseum penetration	CS
ELF measurements	LC
Mtb/Macrophage activity	CS
Epithelial lung fluid MIC reversal	LC
Compound tissue distribution	LC
Mouse model	LC
MML	CS
Click-iT Edu cytotoxicity	CS
HepG2 cytotoxicity	CS

CS: Compound specific (<10%)

MO: Monthly (>10%)

LC: Lead candidates only

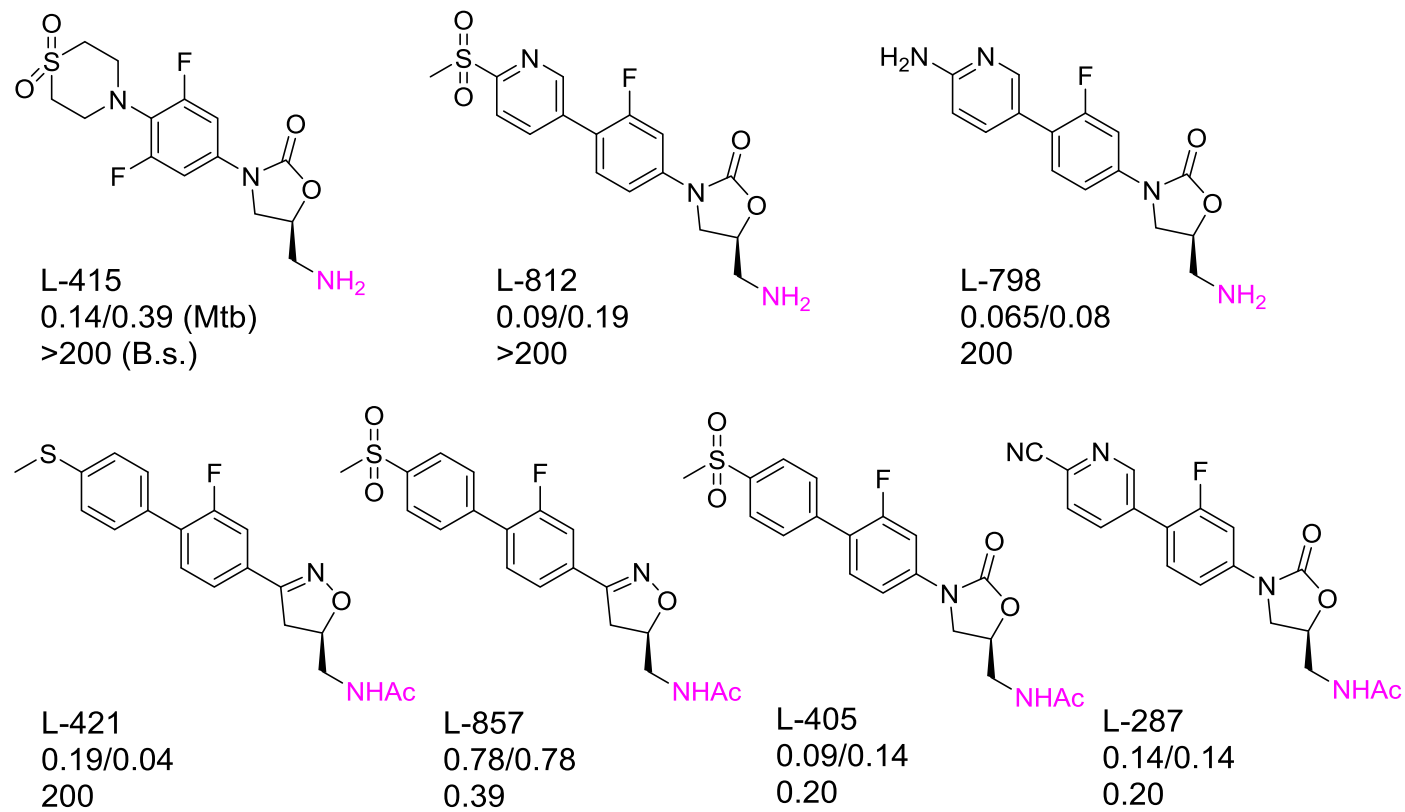


ROP Refresh: October 2015v2

	Max Cmpd Flow/Stage	Time (Wk)
1	25	1
2	15	3
3	10	2
4	6	2
5	3	4
6	2	3
7	1	16
<b>Total Wk</b>		<b>31</b>

Ca 1000 molecules designed, made and tested

High FOR was associated with C-5 amines and mutation in Rv0133



FOR is  $\sim 10^{-6}$

Same MOA?

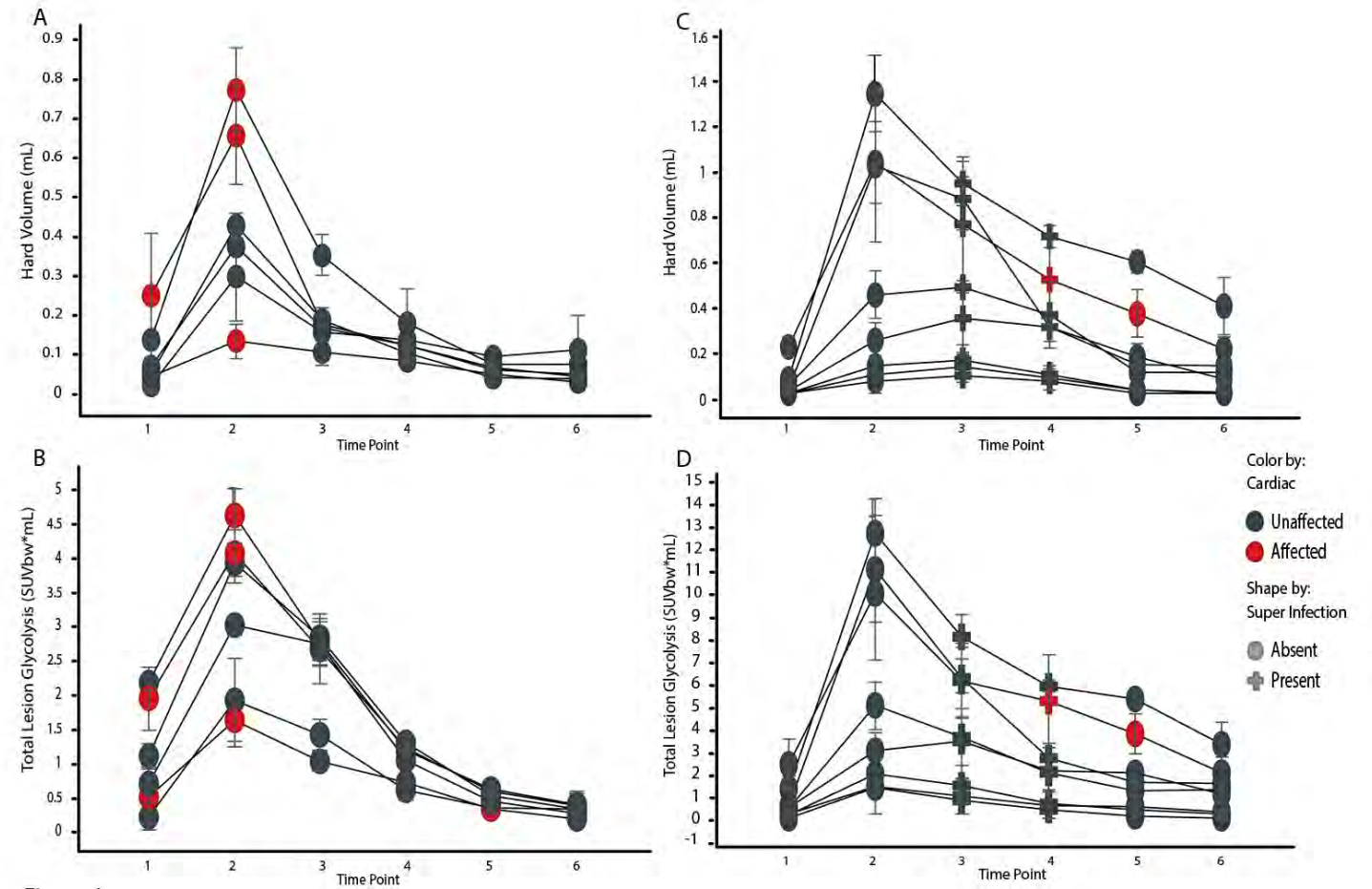
FOR is  $\sim 10^{-9}$

	Acetamide	Amine
Acetamide-R	R	R
Amine-R	S	R

- 9/14 TB “Oxa-amine” resistant mutants mapped to Rv0133

## 662 rapidly sterilizes lesions in marmosets

Rx Start

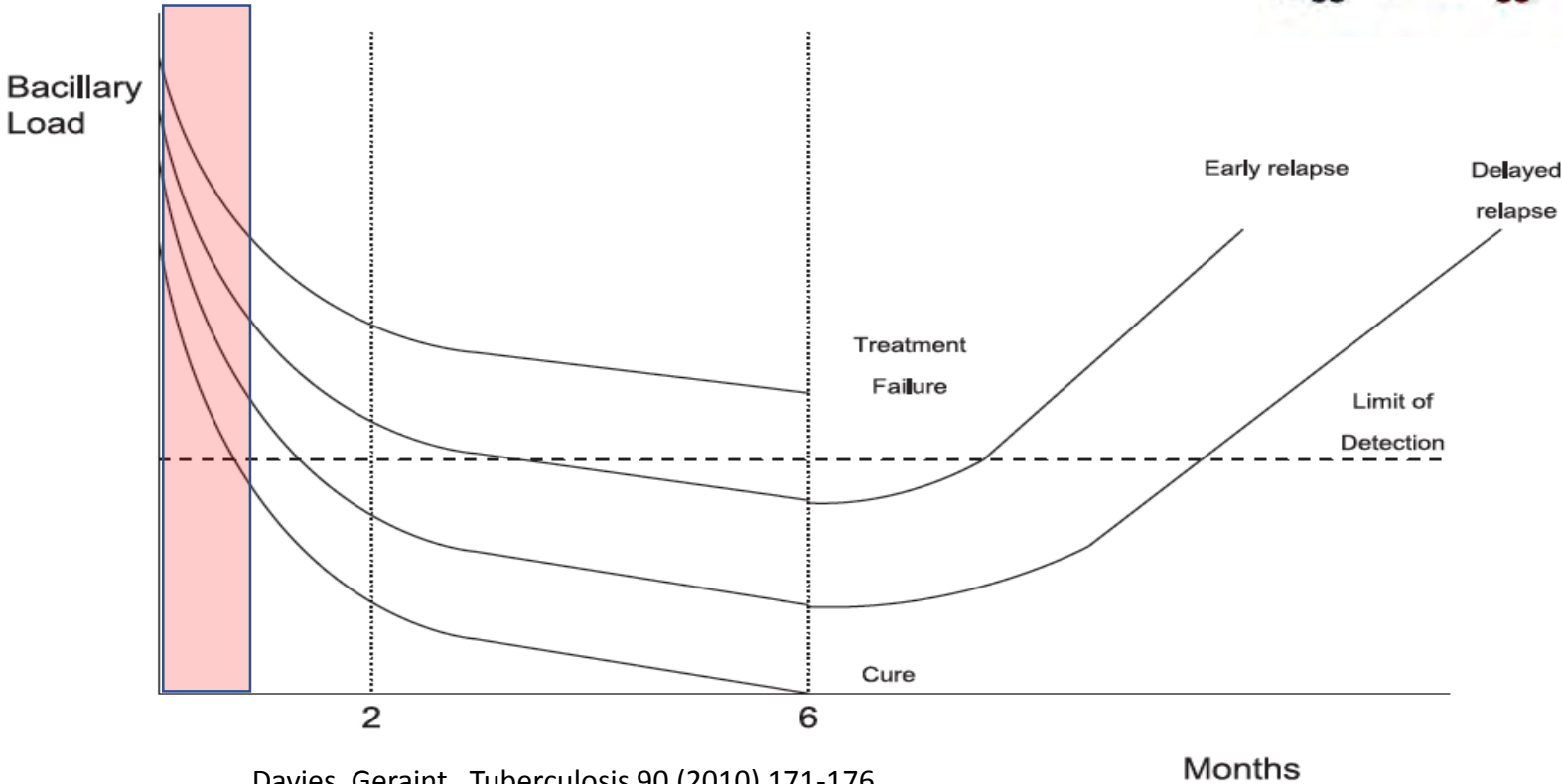


# How to reliably triage which drugs/regimens proceed to resource- intense Phase III trials?



## Early Bactericidal Activity (EBA)

Daily decline in sputum CFU associated with an investigative drug or regimen given for up to **14 days**

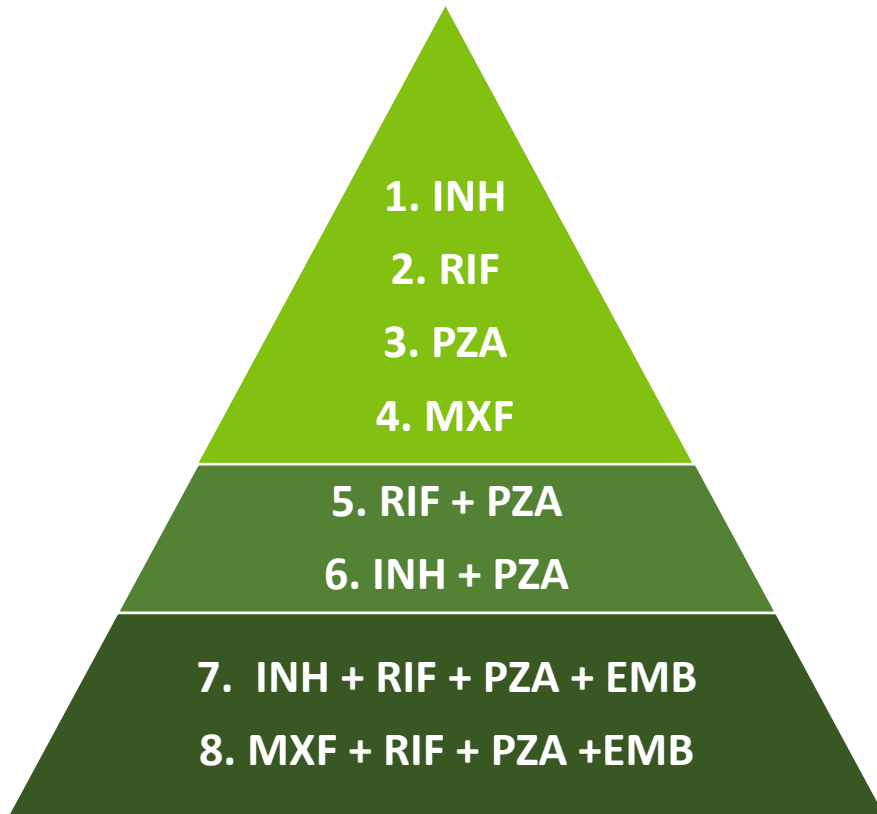




# NexGen EBA Trial in Cape Town, South Africa

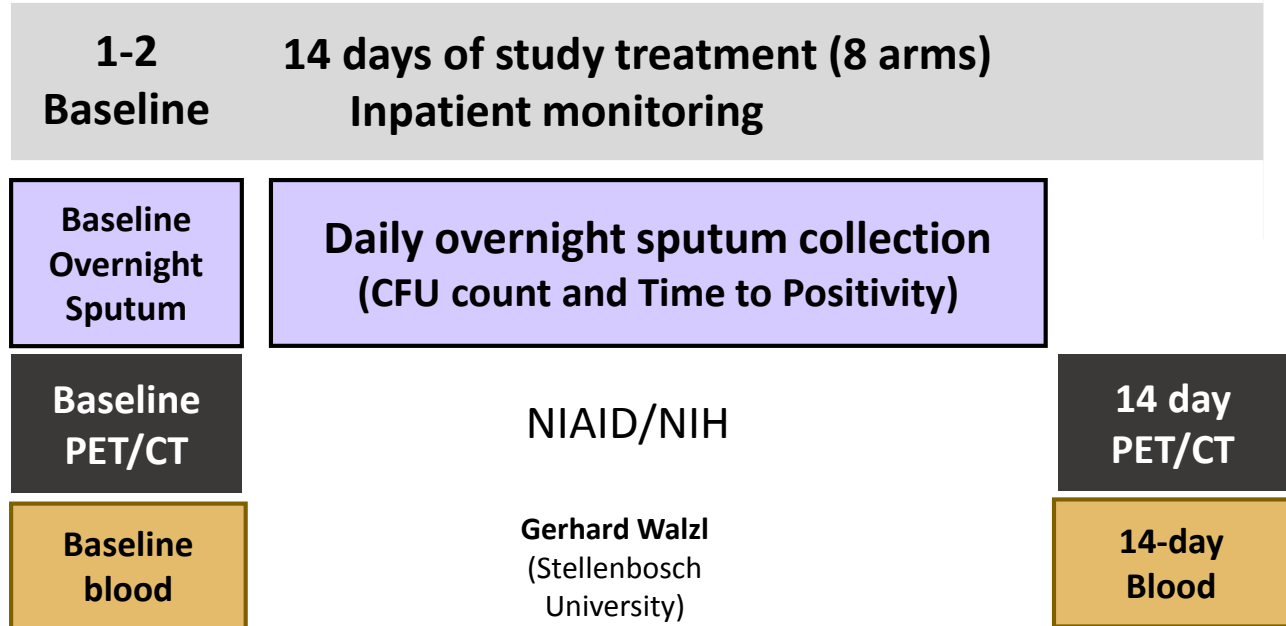
Enrollment of 160 drug-naïve, HIV-negative adults with smear-positive tuberculosis from Cape Town, South Africa.

**8 treatment arms;  
20 patients per arm**



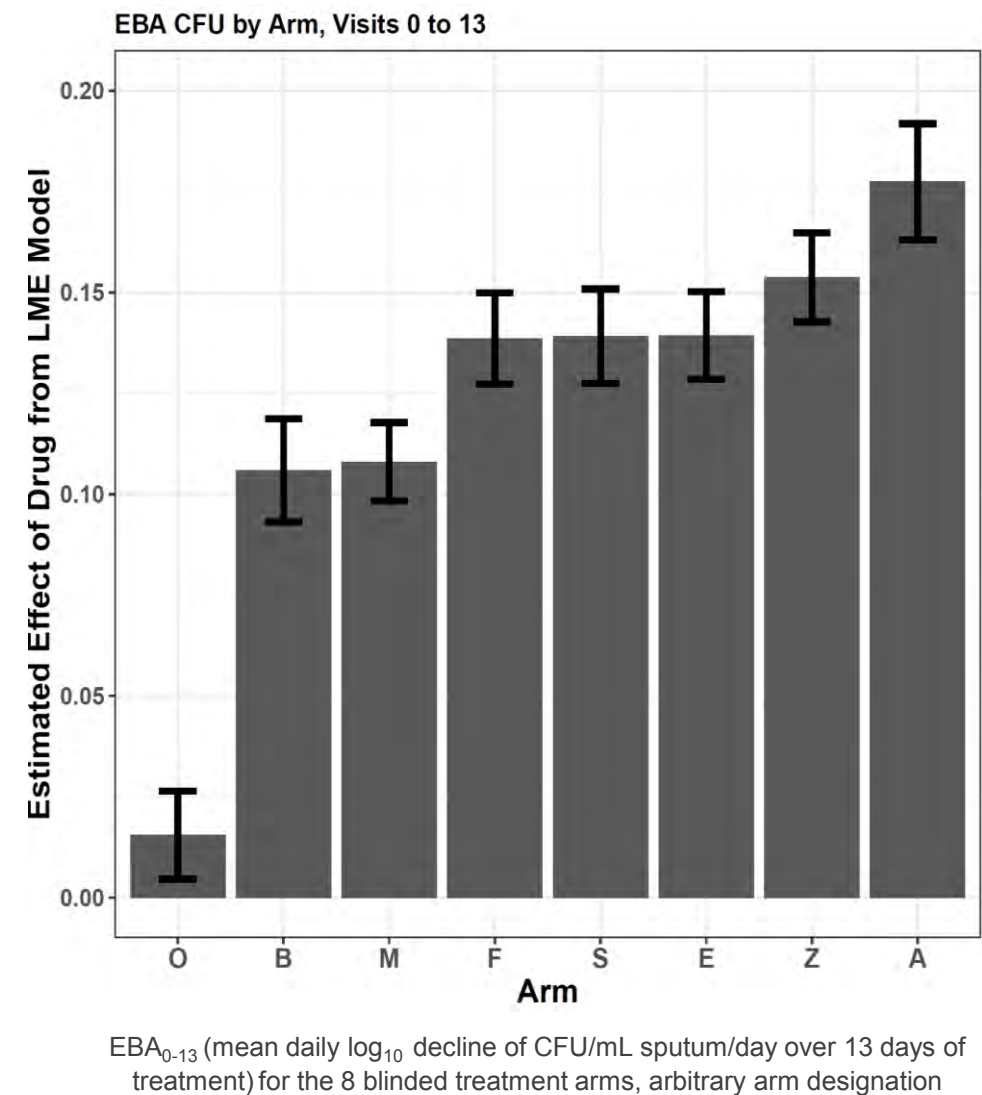
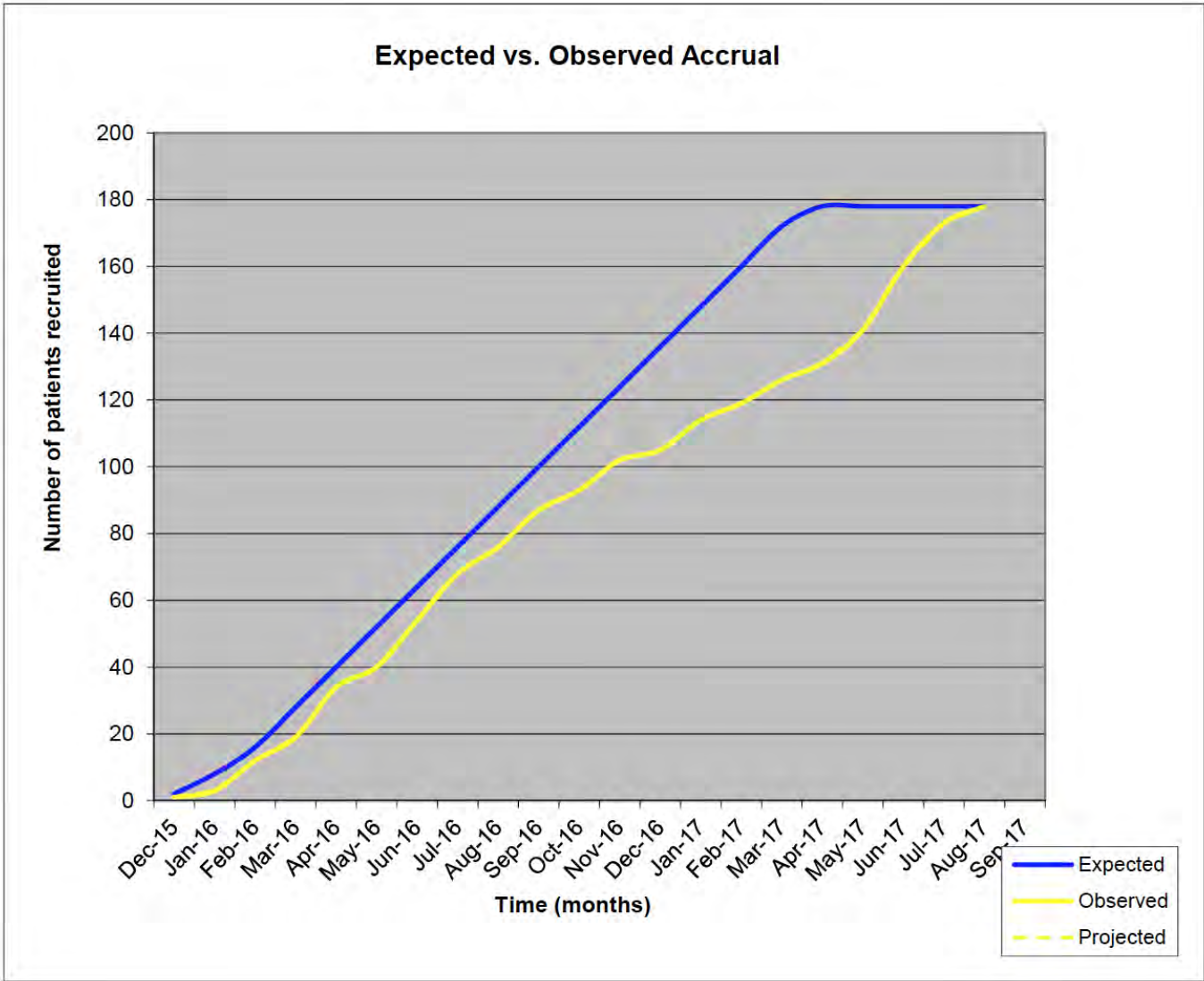
“INH” – isoniazid; “RIF”-rifampin; “PZA”-pyrazinamide,  
“EMB”-ethambutol, “MXF”-moxifloxacin

**Screen/Enroll**



*Goal: Improve the ability to predict non-relapsing cure in TB patients in a short-duration trial amenable to combination chemotherapy.*

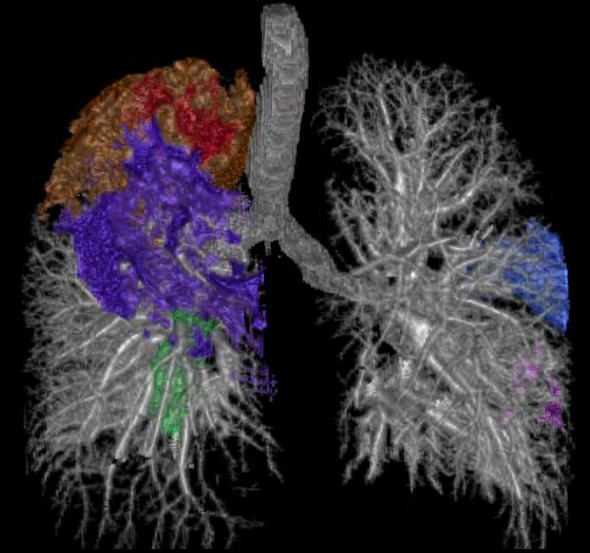
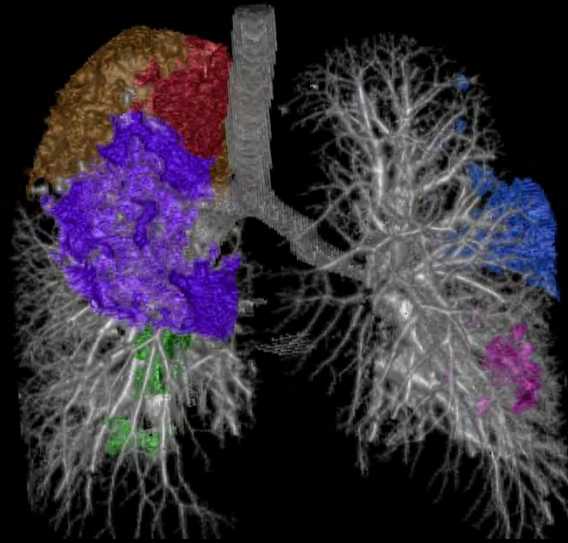
# Enrollment: December 2015 to September 2017



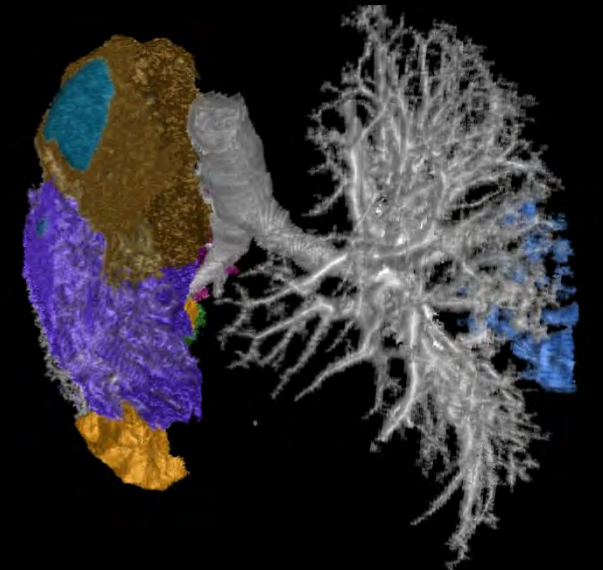
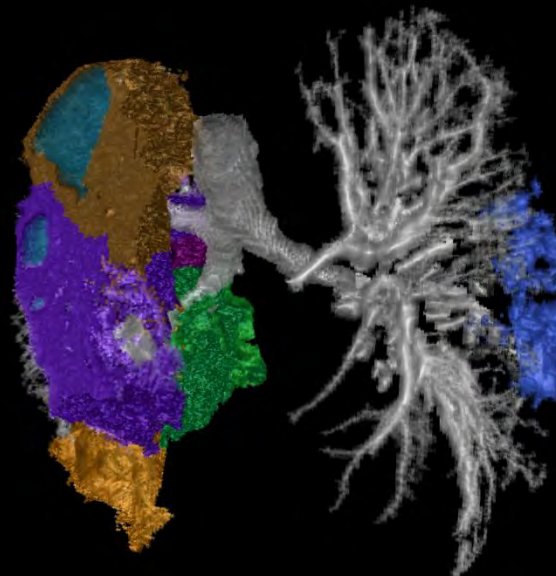
**Pretreatment Baseline**

**After 14 days of Treatment**

**NG029: Improvement in all lesions**



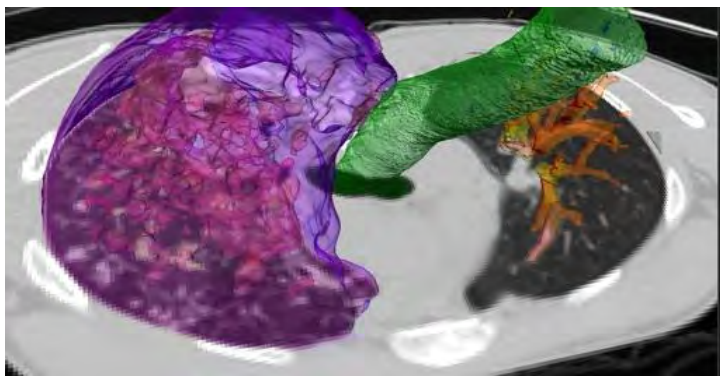
**NG041: Heterogenous changes**



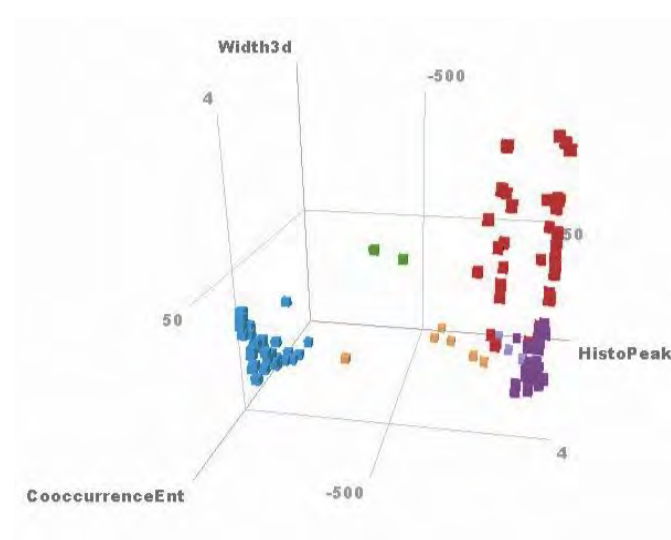
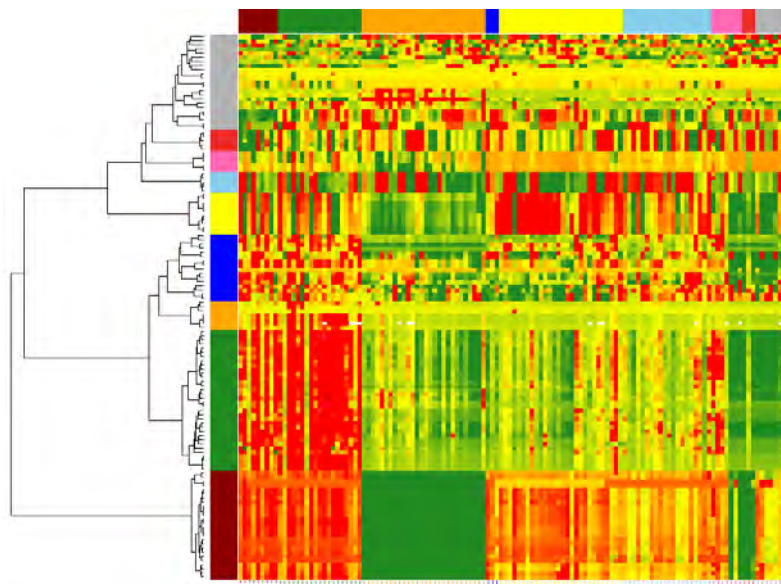
# NexGen EBA Analysis

Derive PET/CT 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order statistics to categorize lesions into pharmacokinetically-relevant units (ongoing)

Extract lesions from all 320 study PET/CT scans:  
Developing automated extraction method using machine learning from manual extractions (ongoing)



Apply these statistics to categorize all extracted lesions from participant scans

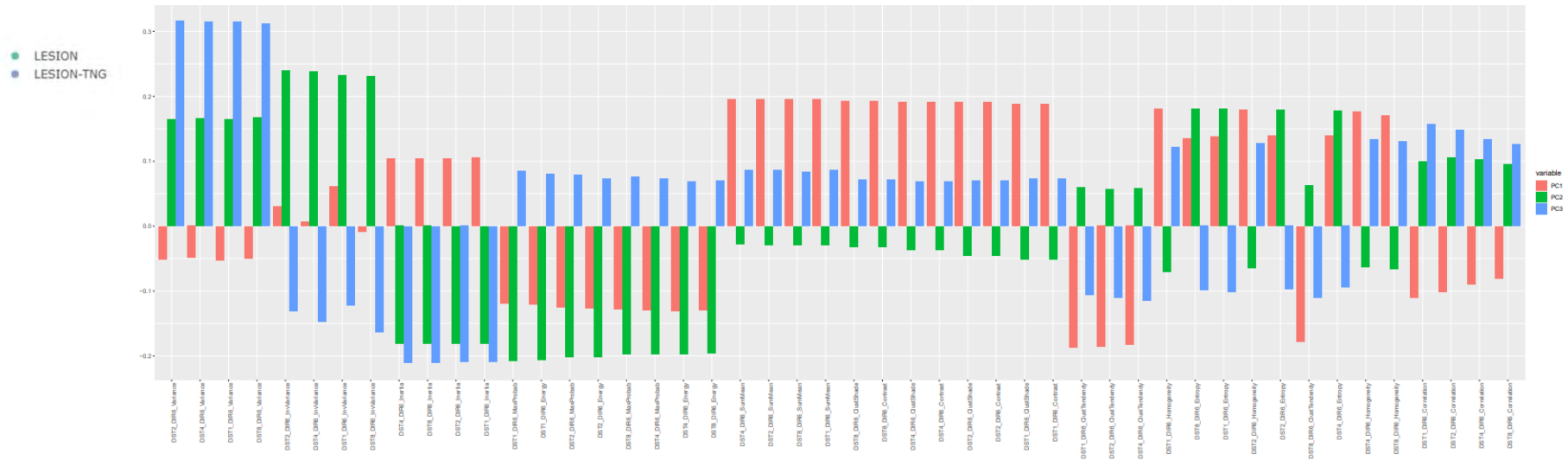
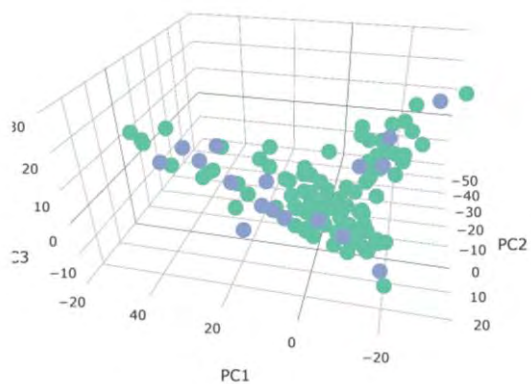


Measure delta signature of 14-day PET/CT changes across each lesion unit for each participant

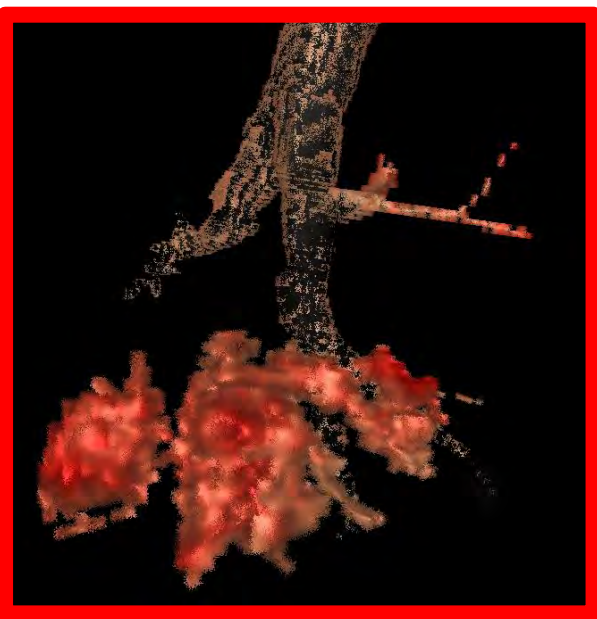


Prediction of all NexGen participant treatment arms based on these signatures  
Comparison with microbiology and immunology data



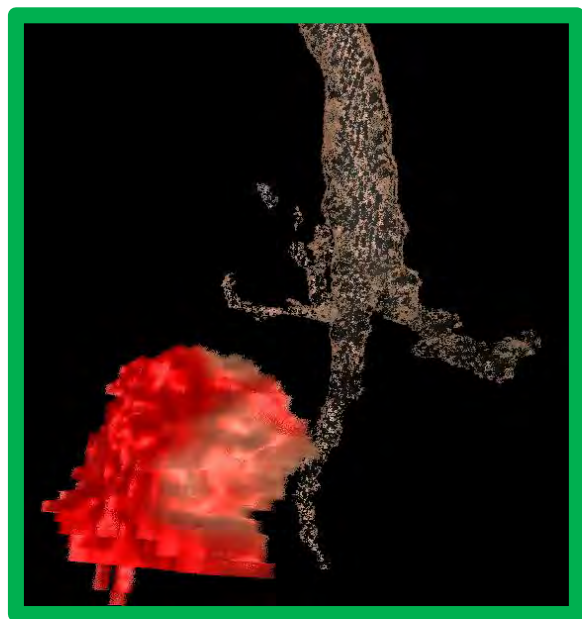


1) High in PC1



NG009\_base\_R6\_lesion

2) High in PC2



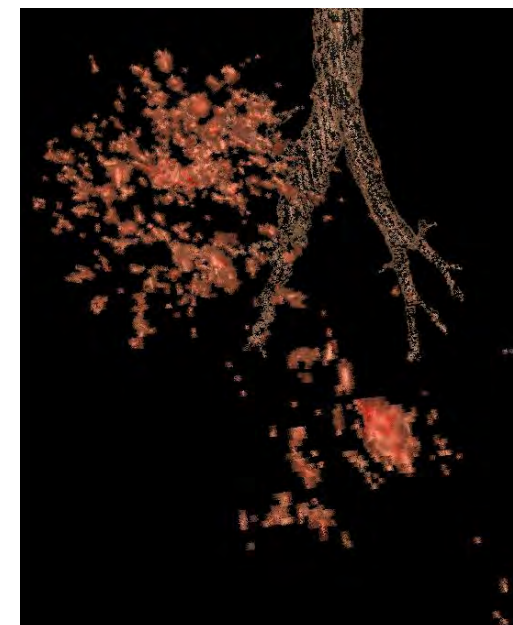
NG039\_base\_L4\_lesion\_2

3) High in PC3



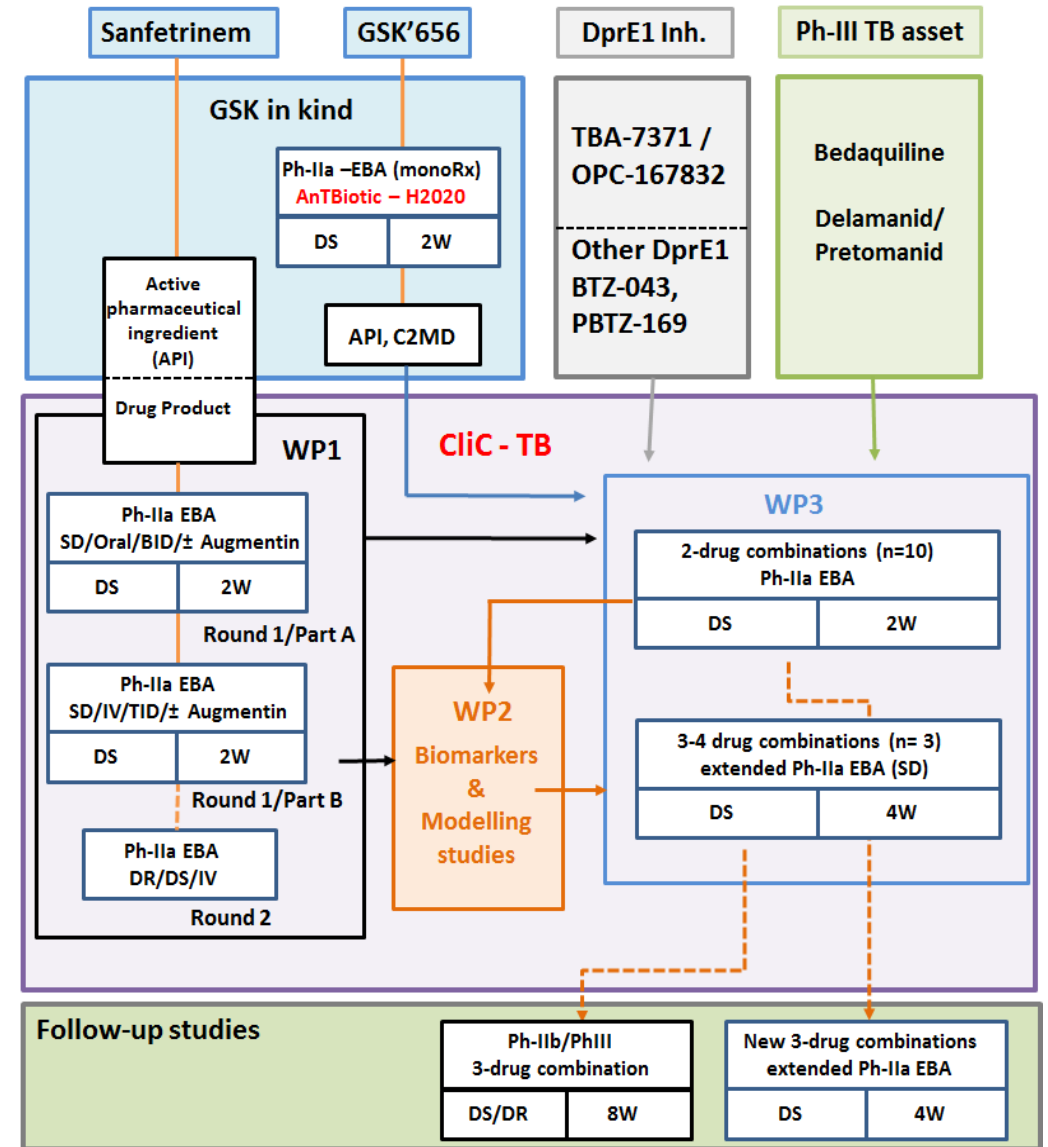
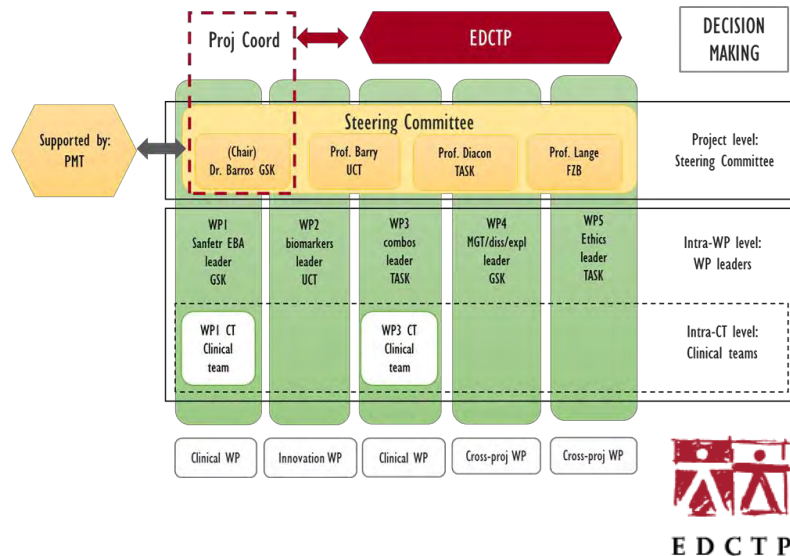
NG111\_base\_L1-5\_lesion

4) Low in Everything



NG019\_base\_R4\_R5\_lesion

# The next four years... rewriting the rules for Phase 2 TB Rx studies



SD: Single dose; BID: Twice a day; TID: Three times a day ; EBA: Early bactericidal activity; IV: Intravenous; DR: Dose ranging; DS: Drug Sensitive; PoC: Proof of Concept; C2MD: Commitment to Medicine Development

# Conclusions

- TB remains a persistent global health threat
- “Latent” TB is a wide spectrum with very different risks of progressing to active disease
- Preventing at-risk LTBI patients from developing disease using simple blood markers may soon be a reality
- “Personalized” TB therapy of appropriate drugs and treatment times should optimize use of the scarce resources available for TB control
- Improved drugs and clinical trial methodologies to combine them are being developed



